STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii March 4, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2422 H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
 Speaker, House of Representatives
 Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
 Regular Session of 2016
 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2422 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LIQUOR,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend the laws relating to intoxicating liquor licensing to simplify procedures for corporate licensees and applicants for licenses without impeding or decreasing the quality of the county liquor commissions' oversight.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Provides that licensees and applicants for licenses that are publicly-traded companies, or entities ultimately solely owned by a publicly-traded company, are required to provide identifying information regarding only those officers designated as primary decisionmakers regarding the purchase and sale of liquor; and
- (2) Clarifies that the requirement of prior approval from a county liquor commission regarding a change in ownership of at least twenty-five percent of a corporation's outstanding capital stock applies only to voting stock.

The Hawaii Food Industry Association, Kona Brewing Company, and a concerned individual testified in support of this measure. The County of Hawaii Department of Liquor Control, County of Kauai

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Department of Liquor Control, and the City and County of Honolulu Department of Liquor Control provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by allowing the applicant for a liquor license or renewal, or both the transferor and transferee in the case of a liquor license transfer, to present a tax clearance certificate from the Department of Taxation and the Internal Revenue Service evidencing that the applicant, transferor, and transferee do not owe the State or federal government any delinquent taxes, penalties, or interest.

Allowing county liquor commissions to accept an alternative compliance certificate would assure the commissions that the parties meet the tax clearance requirement, while making for a more efficient license renewal process for all licensees, particularly for Neighbor Island licensees who do not have access to a local tax office.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2422, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2422, H.D. 1.

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary,

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KARL RHOADS, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-eighth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary

	Committee Referral: EDB1CPC1J	ittee Referral: CPC, JUD 03/01/16		
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) 				
JUD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. RHOADS, Karl (C)				
2. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. ((VC)			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	/			
4. BROWER, Tom				
5. CREAGAN, Richard P.	/			
6. HASHEM, Mark J.	/			
7. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.				
8. LEE, Chris	/			
9. MORIKAWA, Dee	/			
10. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.				
11. TAKAYAMA, Gregg				
12. WOODSON, Justin H.				
13. McDERMOTT, Bob	~			
14. THIELEN, Cynthia				
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TOTAL (14)	13			
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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