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Time: 10:00 a.m.

Date: March 30, 2016

Committee: Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection & Health Committee

Location: Capitol Room 229

Bill: HB 2422, HD1, Relating to Liquor

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the committee:

On behalf of Kona Brewing Company, we are writing to support HB 2422, HD1, relating to liquor. This bill would amend liquor license application and operating procedures. We believe that this bill is an important step toward ensuring adequate and efficient administration of the application process.

Kona Brewing Company runs its flagship brewery in Kailua-Kona on Hawaii's Big Island, which produces more than 12,000 barrels of beer annually and is complimented by pubs on 'Oahu and Hawaii islands. Kona Brewing Company was started by a father and son team who had a dream to create fresh, local island brews made with spirit, passion, and quality. It recently announced that it will expand its brewery operations in Hawaii to include a new state-of-the-art, 30,000 square-foot brewery, increasing annual production capacity to 100,000 barrels per year. Kona Brewing Company is an integral part of its community, and thus feels passionate about giving back to its community.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Andy Thomas
President
Kona Brewing Company