

SB 1154

RELATING TO LIQUOR COMMISSION

For counties with a population of five hundred thousand or more: requires a public hearing before the liquor commission on an application for a liquor license to be held not less than thirty days after the first public notice for the hearing.

PSM

**LIQUOR COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU**

711 KAPIOLANI BOULEVARD, SUITE 600, HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-5249
PHONE (808) 768-7300 • FAX (808) 768-7311
INTERNET ADDRESS: www.honolulu.gov/liq • E-MAIL: liquor@honolulu.gov



KIRK CALDWELL
MAYOR

MICHAEL S. YAMAGUCHI
CHAIRMAN

WESLEY F. FONG
CO-VICE CHAIR

JOSEPH V. O'DONNELL
CO-VICE CHAIR

JOSEPH M. MAGALDI, JR.
COMMISSIONER

NARSI A. GUZON
COMMISSIONER

FRANKLIN DON PACARRO, JR.
ADMINISTRATOR

ANNA C. HIRAI
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR

February 23, 2015

Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Hearing: Tuesday, February 24, 2015
1:15 p.m.; Room 229

Position: Support for SB 1154, Relating to the Liquor Commission

Dear Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members:

The Liquor Commission, City and County of Honolulu (Commission), supports Senate Bill 1154, Relating to the Liquor Commission.

For liquor license applicants, the ability to obtain an approved liquor license is a critical step in commencing operations and generating revenue to offset the sizeable investment in capital and time required to start a liquor licensed business. At the same time, the minimum time between the notice of the public hearing on a license application and the public hearing itself set forth in Section 281-57(b) and -57(c), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), ensures that registered voters and owners/lessees residing within 500 feet of the proposed premises have adequate time to evaluate a proposed licensed premises that will impact their immediate surroundings and express concerns regarding the application, if warranted. The proposed measure will amend Section 281-57(b) and -57(c), HRS, to reduce the minimum "wait time" between the notice and the public hearing for Honolulu County applicants from 45 days to 30 days. This reduction will enable applicants to commence operations under an approved liquor license at an earlier opportunity, while still affording ample time to registered voters and owners/lessees to exercise their right to evaluate and comment on the application.

The Liquor Commission urges your support of Senate Bill 1154, Relating to the Liquor Commission. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Franklin Don Pacarro, Jr.", is written over the typed name.

FRANKLIN DON PACARRO, JR.
Administrator

FDP:ACH