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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Ke`ena O Ka Meia COUNTY OF MAUI – Kalana O Maui

March 20, 2018

TESTIMONY OF ALAN M ARAKAWA MAYOR COUNTY OF MAUI

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Wednesday, March 21, 2018; 2:15PM Conference Room 325

SB2612 RELATING TO LIQUOR LICENSES.

Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Honorable Members of the House Committee on Judiciary

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in SUPPORT of SB2612.

The purpose of this bill is to waive fees and other requirements for applicants for a class 10 liquor license.

Currently in Maui County, there is a very onerous process for non-profit organizations to get a one day special liquor license for their fundraising events. It has been so difficult that several large events were either cancelled or were unable to serve liquor which cost them 5 digits of income.

I strongly urge you to pass SB2612.

Sincerely,

Alan M. Arakawa Mayor, County of Maui

<u>SB-2612-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 3/19/2018 2:40:42 PM

Testimony for JUD on 3/21/2018 2:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

<u>SB-2612-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 3/19/2018 4:02:42 PM

Testimony for JUD on 3/21/2018 2:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Emery	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Strongly support



Date: March 19, 2018

To: Committee on Judiciary

House of Representatives

State of Hawaii

From: Christopher Abbott

Member, Board of Governors

The Pacific Club

Subject: Testimony in support of an amendment to SB2612

Dear Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura and members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Christopher Abbott and I am a member and serve on the Board of Governors at The Pacific Club. I strongly support SB2612.

The Pacific Club is the oldest private club of its kind west of the Mississippi and was established in 1851. The Pacific Club is a business club, a family club, a social club, an athletic club, and a dining club. Its membership is more diverse today than at any time in its history. The Club's members enjoy a commonality in friendship and belonging. The Pacific Club provides its members, their families and guests, a unique opportunity to dine, relax, play and meet in a facility with a comfortable and distinguished ambiance.

I strongly support SB2612 as it clarifies rules and fee requirements.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Yours Truly,

Christopher Abbott Member, Board of Governors The Pacific Club

<u>SB-2612-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 3/19/2018 4:57:02 PM

Testimony for JUD on 3/21/2018 2:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Chuck Reindollar	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:



Date:

March 20, 2018

To:

House of Representatives – Committee on Judiciary

From:

Robin B. Martin, Board of Governors, The Pacific Club

Subject:

Testimony in support of an amendment to SB2612

Dear Chair Nishimoto and members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Robin Martin and I am a member and serve on the Board of Governors at The Pacific Club. I strongly support SB2612.

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Yours Truly,

Robin B. Martin 1st Vice President Board of Governors

The Pacific Club



Date:

March 20, 2018

To:

House of Representatives – Committee on Judiciary

From:

John Bethe, General Manager, The Pacific Club

Subject:

Testimony in support of an amendment to SB2612

Dear Chair Nishimoto and members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is John Bethe and I am the General Manager at The Pacific Club and I strongly support SB2612.

The Pacific Club is the oldest private club of its kind west of the Mississippi and was established in 1851. The Pacific Club is a business club, a family club, a social club, an athletic club, and a dining club. Its membership is more diverse today than at any time in its history. The Club's members enjoy a commonality in friendship and belonging. The Pacific Club provides its members, their families and guests, a unique opportunity to dine, relax, play and meet in a facility with a comfortable and distinguished ambiance.

I strongly support SB2612 as it clarifies rules and fee requirements.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Yours Truly,

John Bethe

General Manager

John Beller

The Pacific Club



To: House of Representatives – Committee on Judiciary

From: Amy Dempsey, President,

Club Managers Association of America, Paradise of the Pacific Chapter

Subject: Testimony in support of an amendment to SB2612

Dear Chair Nishimoto and members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is John Bethe and I am the General Manager at The Pacific Club and I strongly support SB2612.

The Pacific Club is the oldest private club of its kind west of the Mississippi and was established in 1851. The Pacific Club is a business club, a family club, a social club, an athletic club, and a dining club. Its membership is more diverse today than at any time in its history. The Club's members enjoy a commonality in friendship and belonging. The Pacific Club provides its members, their families and guests, a unique opportunity to dine, relax, play and meet in a facility with a comfortable and distinguished ambiance.

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Yours Truly,

Amy Dempsey

President, Paradise of the Pacific Chapter



To: House of Representatives – Committee on Judiciary

From: Bonnie Pang, Board of Governors, The Pacific Club

Subject: Testimony in support of an amendment to SB2612

Dear Chair Nishimoto and members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is [name] and I am a member and serve on the Board of Governors at The Pacific Club. I strongly support SB2612.

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I strongly support SB2612 as it clarifies rules and fee requirements.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Yours Truly,

Bonnie Pang Member, Board of Governors The Pacific Club

SB-2612-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 3:35:41 AM

Testimony for JUD on 3/21/2018 2:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrew E. Bunn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB2612. I believe the extension of the bill to non-profit social and fraternal organizations will be of great assistance to support their mission, hold community events, and increase GET revenues for the State. Please pass this bill. Thank you, Andrew Bunn



To: House of Representatives – Committee on Judiciary

From: Mike Durant, Board of Governors, The Pacific Club

Subject: Testimony in support of an amendment to SB2612

Dear Chair Nishimoto and members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Mike Durant and I am a member and serve on the Board of Governors at The Pacific Club. I strongly support SB2612.

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I strongly support SB2612 as it clarifies rules and fee requirements.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Yours Truly,

Mike Durant Member, Board of Governors The Pacific Club

Merchant Horovitz & TILLEY

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VIA Electronic Submission

House Committee on Judiciary

Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair House District 21 Hawaii State Capitol, Room 421

Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair House District 4 Hawaii State Capitol, Room 302

Re: In Support of SB 2612

Representatives Nishimoto and San Buenaventura:

I am writing in support of SB 2612. In my practice I assist numerous non-profits. I also currently or in the past have served on the boards of the following community and non-profit organizations:

- 1. Kula Community Association
- 2. Haleakala Waldorf School, past president
- 3. Pacific Cancer Foundation, past president
- 4. Nā Keiki o Emalia
- 5. Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc., vice president

With the exception of the Kula Community Association, each of the above organizations has held events where liquor is served. Most of the above entities, like nearly all non-profits, operate on shoe-string budgets. One-day fundraising events are not the same as a commercial business that operates 365 days per year, and the licensing requirements should reflect this. Applying commercial requirements to such organizations and events is unreasonably burdensome both in time and money. That time and money comes out of, and

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detracts from the vital mission of the organization. The executive director of one organization I serve recently spent upwards of 80 hours, including six (6) separate meetings with liquor department personnel in order to obtain a license for an event that has occurred at the same location for the past decade. Staff time alone cost the organization thousands of dollars.

Furthermore, many fundraisers are held in private homes where clearances that might be applicable to commercial venues are not relevant. It can and has led to confusion, delay, and increased expense in attempting to "prove" to a liquor department that other departments/agencies simply do not regulate a place or activity.

The one-day licenses for non-profit organizations must be streamlined to reflect the value of the missions of non-profits, the fact that these are not commercial operations that will sell liquor on an ongoing basis, and that both the time and expense of obtaining a license should be minimized or eliminated.

Very truly yours,

Peter A. Horovitz





To: House of Representatives – Committee on Judiciary

From: Robin Stueber, Member, Board of Governors, The Pacific Club

Subject: Testimony in support of an amendment to SB2612

Dear Chair Nishimoto and members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Robin Stueber and I am a member and serve on the Board of Governors at The Pacific Club. I strongly support SB2612.

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Yours Truly,

Robin Stueber Member, Board of Governors The Pacific Club