

**SB-922**

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Testimony for CPN on 2/5/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Garrett W. Marrero	Testifying for Hawaiian Craft Brewers Guild	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Senator Baker, Vice Chair Senator Chang, and members of the Committee,

My name is Garrett W. Marrero, I live in Kihei, HI. Maui Brewing Co. has locations on Maui in Lahaina and Kihei, and on Oahu in Waikiki and Kailua. We distribute across the Hawaii, 19 other States, and 10 countries. We began in 2005 with 26 team members and have added more than 700 to our team pre-COVID of course. I was selected as the National Small Business-Person of the year in 2017 for my work at Maui Brewing Co.

I am writing on behalf of myself, our local family-operated business and the craft brewers guild at the urging of membership in SUPPORT of **SB922** which will amend the current liquor license background check requirements to be in line with the Federal rules set by the Tax & Trade Bureau.

Our system currently requires the reporting of any conviction “other than minor traffic violations” going back to 18yrs of age. When asked what “minor” refers to we are told “a parking ticket”. The reason this is a problem is that these checks are required of owners, officers and even board of directors. We’ve seen board members of non-profits resign over this issue due to “failing to disclose” a conviction (of a minor offense) from more than 70 years prior, he had simply forgotten.

I ask you, what public interest is served by going beyond the requirements set by the Federal government and failing to allow anyone to ever move forward from a youthful mistake? I would argue that the Federal requirement of a 10-year lookback for anything other than violations of Federal laws as they relate to alcohol and drugs and disqualifying offenses should also be sufficient for the State of Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments in **SUPPORT** of **SB922**.

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Joshua DeMello	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This bill limits the background check to 10 years but requires the applicant to disclose all crimes committed. It allows those that have paid their debt to society not be automatically disqualified for something that happened many years ago and does not disqualify them from obtaining a license. The idea provides the aloha we show to people here in the islands which liquor commissions normally lack with their rigid rules and guidelines. The state should be encouraging business and encouraging employment. This bill does that. Please support this bill. Mahalo

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Russell Adkins	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Isn't it fair that there should be a statute of limitations on one's mistakes? 10 years is a standard with most rental applications, job applications, etc. Our legal system is designed to allow people to repent and if someone has a clean record for a decade with respect to alcohol violations, doesn't it make sense that we should have a limited lookback?

Sincerely,

Russell Adkins