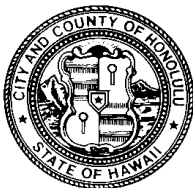


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Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

Hearing: Thursday, April 2, 2015
9:00 a.m.; Room 211

Position: Support HB 293 HD1, Relating to Liquor Licenses

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kouchi, and Members:

The Liquor Commission, City and County of Honolulu (Commission), supports House Bill 293 HD1, Relating to Liquor Licenses.

Before a liquor license can be issued, transferred, or renewed, the applicant or licensee must produce to the Commission a signed certificate from the state Director of Taxation (DoTax) and from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) showing that the applicant or licensee does not owe the state or the federal government any delinquent taxes, penalties, or interest ("tax clearance"). Meeting this requirement is particularly critical at license renewal time, when the Commission's 1,400+ liquor licenses all must be renewed and issued in a timely fashion to prevent a break in liquor sales and service for the licensee. The proposed measure will amend Section 281-45(3), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to authorize the county liquor commissions to accept a certificate of vendor compliance issued by the Hawaii Compliance Express system in satisfaction of the tax clearance requirement. This certificate of vendor compliance will provide compliance assurance equal to the tax clearances issued by DoTax and the IRS, while making for a more efficient license renewal process for those licensees who utilize Hawaii Compliance Express's vendor compliance system.

The Liquor Commission urges your support of House Bill 293 HD1, Relating to Liquor Licenses, and appreciates the opportunity to participate in this process.

Respectfully submitted,

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