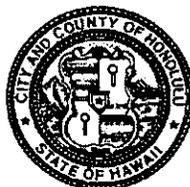


**SB 470**

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Committee on Transportation, International and Intergovernmental Affairs

**Hearing:** Wednesday, February 11, 2009  
1:30 pm; Room 224

**Position:** Support SB470 Relating to Liquor

The Departments of Liquor Control of the Counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui and the City and County of Honolulu Liquor Commission strongly support SB470 and urge its passage.

SB470 continues the progress begun with Act 168, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008 (HB2253 HD2 SD1 CD1) to clarify and expand provisions of law to improve certain practices and procedures relating to liquor licensing, industry practices, and the adjudication process. Among other things, the proposed bill will accomplish the following objectives:

- Enable the liquor control departments to extend relief to licensees who cannot obtain a tax clearance prior to license renewal or transfer.
- Expand the use of fine moneys to include public liquor-related educational or enforcement programs, subject to a quantified annual limit.
- Clarify procedures relating to liquor license transfers, to more accurately reflect modern business enterprise organization.
- Extend the time within which a liquor commission may grant or refuse a liquor license application following public hearing.

The proposed bill is the result of a comprehensive review of Chapter 281 conducted by the four county liquor control departments, including its commissions and adjudication boards and industry representatives. This process was begun at the 2007 Annual Liquor Conference, and continued at the 2008 Conference and through meetings with various industry groups. We submit that the proposed bill will improve liquor regulation with negligible negative impact to licensees.

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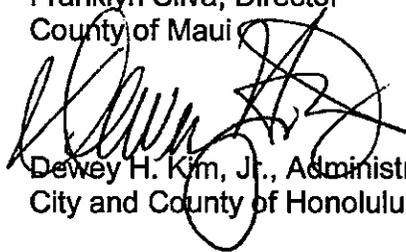
The Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary passed the House version of the proposed bill unamended, and referred HB311 to the Committee on Finance.

We strongly support SB470 and respectfully request your favorable action on this important matter.

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