

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

757

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 6, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 293

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 293, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LIQUOR LICENSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve the efficiency of the liquor license application and renewal process and ensure the accountability of applicants by authorizing county liquor commissions to accept a certificate of vendor compliance issued by Hawaii Compliance Express as satisfactory evidence of an applicant's tax clearance with the Internal Revenue Service and Department of Taxation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Liquor Commission of the City and County of Honolulu and the Department of Liquor Control of the County of Kauai.

Your Committee finds that the current process for applying for a new liquor license or the transfer or renewal of an existing license can be difficult and cumbersome and can delay the issuance or renewal of those licenses. The process requires that an applicant produce a signed certificate from the Department of Taxation and the Internal Revenue Service showing that the applicant does not owe the State or federal government any delinquent taxes, penalties, or interest.



Your Committee further finds that allowing the use of certificates of vendor compliance, which are issued by Hawaii Compliance Express and certify that a vendor is compliant with all applicable laws, would help reduce delays in the issuance or renewal of liquor licenses and ensure applicant accountability by streamlining the license application and renewal process.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 293, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Consumer  
Protection & Commerce,



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ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

| Bill/Resolution No.:<br><b>HB 293, HD 1</b>   | Committee Referral:<br><b>EDB, CPC</b> | Date:<br><b>03/02/15</b> |      |         |
|---|--|--------------------------|------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.   |  |                          |      |         |
| The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold<br><input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) |  |                          |      |         |
| CPC Members   | Ayes                                   | Ayes (WR)                | Nays | Excused |
| 1. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)   | ✓                                      |                          |      |         |
| 2. WOODSON, Justin H. (VC)  | ✓                                      |                          |      |         |
| 3. BELATTI, Della Au  |  |                          |      | ✓       |
| 4. BROWER, Tom  | ✓                                      |                          |      |         |
| 5. CREAGAN, Richard P.  | ✓                                      |                          |      |         |
| 6. HAR, Sharon E.   | ✓                                      |                          |      |         |
| 7. HASHEM, Mark J.  | ✓                                      |                          |      |         |
| 8. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.   | ✓                                      |                          |      |         |
| 9. LEE, Chris   | ✓                                      |                          |      |         |
| 10. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.  |  |                          |      | ✓       |
| 11. OSHIRO, Marcus R.   | ✓                                      |                          |      |         |
| 12. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.  | ✓                                      |                          |      |         |
| 13. TAKAYAMA, Gregg   | ✓                                      |                          |      |         |
| 14. YAMANE, Ryan I.   |  |                          |      | ✓       |
| 15. FUKUMOTO CHANG, Beth  | ✓                                      |                          |      |         |
| 16. MCDERMOTT, Bob  |  |                          |      | ✓       |
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| TOTAL (16)  | 12                                     |                          |      | 4       |
| The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted   |  |                          |      |         |
| If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.  |  |                          |      |         |
| Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____   |  |                          |      |         |
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