

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2253
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
H.B. No. 2253, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AMENDING OR REPEALING VARIOUS
PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 281, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES,
INTOXICATING LIQUOR, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLARIFYING LANGUAGE,
CORRECTING ERRORS, AND DELETING UNNECESSARY AND OBSOLETE
PROVISIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to enhance the administration
of liquor laws by updating the statutes relating to licensing,
adjudications, and operations of the liquor industry.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Small Business Regulatory Review Board and Kauai County
Liquor Department (also testifying on behalf of all county liquor
departments and commissions). Testimony in opposition was
received from the Hawaii Bar Owners Association, Honolulu Tavern,
E & J Lounge Operating Co., Inc., Bombay's of Amsterdam Inc., and
four individuals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the purpose section as it no longer accurately
describes the amended measure;



- (2) Deleting section 4, relating to using license fees for enforcement, because the title of this measure does not accommodate substantive amendments;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to continue discussions on this matter, including the review of other proposed changes that may be substantive amendments; and
- (4) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment to conform the measure to the preferred drafting style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2253, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2253, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



