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March 23, 2008

LATE TESTIMONY

Representative Robert N. Herkes, Chair
Representative Angus L.K. McKelvey, Vice Chair
Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce (CPC)

Support of SB 2169, Relating to Liquor Licenses

My wife and I personally enjoy going to a small locally owned business, Wine The Experience, where we create our own wine. We usually have custom labels for our bottles and have used them for gifts. In fact, when my Father-in-law had his 100th birthday over here in Hawaii, we had his favorite wine with a special label. It had a picture of him in as a young man in a Model A Ford with the caption "Aged to Perfection". It was great!

We strongly support S.B. No. 2169, Relating to Liquor Licenses, which would establish a new winery class of liquor license and would allow us as consumers even more choices. I like that!

As I understand it, several years ago, there was a precedence set by the creation of a "Class 14 - Brewpub License". (2004 Legislative Session; SB2606) The language there calls out "malt beverages" and "beer". It seems natural that the same privilege should be afforded to the small wineries in our state.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to offer my opinion on this matter.

Sincerely,
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Representative Angus L.K. McKelvey, Vice Chair
Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce (CPC)

Sunday, March 23, 2008

Re: Support of SB 2169, Relating to Liquor Licenses

Dear Sirs:

I support S.B. No.2169 relating to liquor licenses. This would establish a new class of liquor license for wineries.

I am a supportive consumer and a customer of Wine The Experience. I would like to see this locally owned small business be able to function as a winery. Wine The Experience offers a great product and opportunity for people to create their own wine with custom labeled bottles. I have made wines as both gifts for friends and family, as well for my business clients .

Wine The Experience is one of only a few sources of acquiring wines that are low in sulfites...which is very important for some of my family members who need to avoid that type of preservative for health reasons.

I support this bill so that companies like Wine The Experience can operate as more of a traditional winery. It would be better for me if I could visit the establishment for tasting, pick up a bottle at the market, or pick up only a few bottles directly. I am a small business owner, and the idea of supporting small wineries in a way that they could create and market their own locally produced product seems to be a win-win for business, the state, and the consumer.

As a customer of this establishment, and a small business owner, I support passing this bill.
Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Hendrix

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Representative Robert N. Herkes, Chair
Representative Angus L.K. McKelvey, Vice Chair
Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce (CPC)

RE: Support of SB 2169, Relating to Liquor Licenses

Dear Sirs:

We strongly support S.B. No. 2169, Relating to Liquor Licenses, which would establish a new winery class of liquor license. I am a supportive patron of Wine The Experience, a locally-owned and operated small business, where people can create their own personalized, custom-labelled bottles of wine. This type of license is not currently available for a local business such as theirs, and limits their ability to fully functionally operate as a winery.

I enjoy these establishments, where I make wines as both gifts for clients and for personal use. I can only enjoy wines that are low in sulfites, and I am very happy because Wine The Experience is one of the few sources for getting such wines. They are currently limited in terms of how a traditional winery would operate, where you could visit for tastings, find your favorites at the market, or pick up a few bottles directly. I would love to be able to go there & just get a few of my favorite bottles of wine! This bill would thus allow a business that is federally allowed to produce wine, to be able to do so as a fully licensed entity on the state & county level.

I recognize that it would also create an additional source of revenue for the state, from both licensing fees and from tax revenue from the wholesale and retail sale of wines that are locally manufactured & bottled in Hawai'i. It would allow a small local business like theirs, to create and market a locally produced product that could then be more broadly and widely available.

As a customer of this establishment, I strongly support passing this bill. Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify.

Very Truly Yours,

Frances T. Gendrano, R

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Rep. Robert N. Herkes, Chair
Rep. Angus L.K. McKelvey, Vice Chair
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Saturday, March 22, 2008

Re: Support of SB 2169, Relating to Liquor Licenses
CPC Hearing on Monday, 3/24/08 at 2:00pm, Room 325

Aloha Honorable Members of the Committee,

Wine The Experience is a locally-owned and -operated small business, where people can create their own personalized, custom-labelled bottles of wine. We are a federally licensed and bonded winery, able to produce wines for on-site and off-site use. We strongly support S.B. No. 2169, Relating to Liquor Licenses, which would establish a new winery class of liquor license.

This type of license is not currently defined by the current license classes of H.R.S. 281-31. The current definitions limit the scope of how a traditional winery would operate, where you could visit for tastings, find your favorites at the market, or pick up a few bottles directly. This bill would thus allow a business or organization that is federally allowed to produce wine, to be able to do so as a fully licensed entity on the state & county level. This entity would then fall under the auspices of and be regulated by the liquor commission.

It would create an additional source of revenue for the state, from both licensing fees and from tax revenue from the wholesale and retail sale of wines that are locally manufactured & bottled in Hawai'i. It would allow a small local business, such as us, to create and market a locally produced product that could then be more broadly and widely available. It could also allow the development of a local artisanal honey wine, mead, sourcing from, supporting and promoting a local agricultural industry.

Also, several years ago, there was a precedence set by the creation of a "Class 14 - Brewpub License". (2004 Legislative Session; SB2606) The language there, save for the specific use of the terms "malt beverages" and "beer", thoroughly and perfectly defines how a winery would be licensed to operate, if those words were substituted with "wine". This bill follows that example, and the simple amendment of terms is basically all that is proposed within this bill.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
Shannon Ball

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Rep. Angus L.K. McKelvey, Vice Chair
Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce (CPC)

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Sunday, March 23, 2008

Re: Support of SB 2169, Relating to Liquor Licenses
CPC Hearing on Monday, 3/24/08 at 2:00pm, Room 325

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Dear Representative Herkes and Representative McKelvey,

As a consumer who enjoys "boutique" or "one of a kind products", I have been a fan of the local "brew pub". It's personalized character and its ability to produce a product that is unique to the region is something our local wineries should also be able to do.

As a citizen I recognize that it would create an additional source of revenue for the state, from both licensing fees and from tax revenue from the sale of wines that are manufactured & bottled locally.

As a small business person I realize it would allow a small business to create and market a Hawaii produced product that could then be more widely available.

Because SB2169 does all of these things I strongly support S.B. No. 2169, Relating To Liquor License, which would establish a new winery class of liquor license.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



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