

Honolulu, Hawaii

Apr: 19, 2009

RE: S.B. No. 300
S.D. 2
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and
Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 300, S.D. 2, H.D. 1,
entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to require class 5 dispenser
liquor licensees authorized to sell liquor for consumption on the
premises to maintain a certain amount of liquor liability
insurance coverage as a condition of obtaining, renewing, or
transferring a license.

Outrigger Hotels testified in support of the intent of this
bill. The City and County of Honolulu Liquor Commission and the
Departments of Liquor Control of the Counties of Hawaii, Kauai,
and Maui opposed this measure.

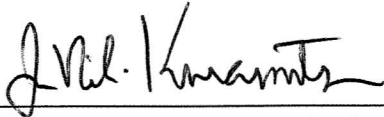
The county liquor control departments have suggested, as a
matter of equity, imposing the liquor liability insurance
requirement on all license classes except manufacturers and
wholesale dealers. The counties also expressed concerns that
requiring them to set minimum levels of liability insurance
biannually under this measure would be burdensome and outside of
the scope of liquor laws they enforce.



Your Committees have amended this bill by changing the effective date to January 1, 2090, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 300, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 300, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Consumer
Protection & Commerce and
Judiciary,



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