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Rep. Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
Rep. Isaac W. Choy, Vice Chair  
Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs

**Hearing:** Tuesday, February 17, 2009  
8:30 am; Room 312

**Position:** Oppose HB 563 Relating to Intoxicating Liquor

The Department of Liquor Control of the County of Hawaii and the City and County of Honolulu Liquor Commission oppose HB 563 and respectfully request that the bill be held in committee.

The worsening economic climate is cause for hardship to liquor licensees. The majority of dispenser licensees are not the high end, high revenue producing establishments, and HB 563 will negatively impact our class 5 dispenser licensees who are straining to keep up with the cost of doing business. As we begin our survey of the business climate, we have confirmed revenue losses of upwards of 35% at some of our more successful establishments and have begun to see the start of layoffs. The imposition of liability insurance would surely add to the financial woes of our licensees.

We oppose HB 563 and respectfully request your action on this matter.

Janice Pakele, Director  
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