

Honolulu, Hawaii

March, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 311
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 311
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LIQUOR,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve liquor licensing by,
among other things:

- (1) Allowing a liquor licensee, who cannot obtain a tax clearance but enters into and is complying with an installment plan agreement with state or federal tax agencies, to renew or transfer the licensee's liquor license;
- (2) Authorizing not more than ten percent of moneys collected from liquor licensee fines to be used to fund public liquor-related educational or enforcement programs;
- (3) Updating provisions regulating liquor license transfers to more accurately reflect the organization of modern business enterprises; and
- (4) Extending the time within which a liquor commission may grant or refuse a liquor license application following public hearing of the application.



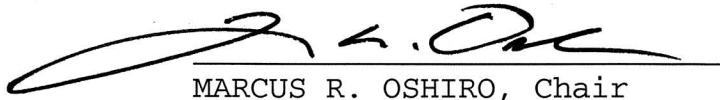
The Departments of Liquor Control of the Counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui, the City and County of Honolulu, and the Hawaii Food Industry Association supported this bill.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 311, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 311, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



