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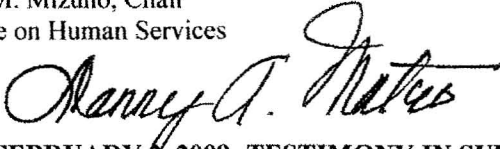


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January 31, 2009

TO: Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair  
House Committee on Human Services

FROM: Danny A. Mateo   
Council Chair

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2009; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1519,  
RELATING TO INTOXICATING LIQUOR**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to allow each county to utilize liquor license fees and fines against licensees to fund substance abuse treatment and prevention activities.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

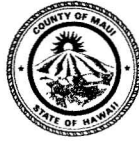
1. The prevention of alcohol abuse is a critically important public need. Alcohol abuse is closely associated with other forms of substance abuse. It is appropriate that revenues that come from the liquor licensees, those who profit from alcohol use, be allocated to programs designed to prevent and treat alcohol abuse. This proposal is consistent with the view that revenues from liquor license fees should be earmarked for liquor-related purposes. The proposal would merely allow the revenues to be used for prevention and treatment programs, in addition to liquor law enforcement measures. Ultimately, if alcohol-abuse programs are adequately funded, there will be a decreased need for enforcement.
2. Because local government suffers many of the consequences of alcohol abuse, including the need for increased law enforcement, local officials should be provided with the tools to address this serious problem.
3. This is a common sense proposal that promotes government efficiency, fairness, and public health. I note that the Department of Public Safety (DPS) has previously proposed similar legislation, for similar reasons. I look forward to joining with DPS and other interested entities to ensure that all reasonable means of addressing alcohol abuse are fully considered by the Legislature.

For the foregoing reasons, I support this measure.

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February 1, 2009

TO: Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair  
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Council Member

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I support HB 1519 for the reasons cited in testimony submitted by the Maui County Council Chair, and urge you to pass this measure.

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**Comments:**

Mahalo for this opportunity to comment. Substance abuse and it's negative affects on our community members and community as a whole is a growing problem. In these difficult economic times substance abuse is likely to rise and additonal sources of income for these programs will be needed. Substance abuse programs have proven to be an effective tool. With government's limited ability to fund these programs this bill provides an excellent source of revenue. I ask for your support on this bill. Thank you.

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**Comments:**

Instead of just liquor law enforcement, fees should also be used to educate our youth in the prevention of alcohol abuse.