



# Waikīkī Improvement Association

Statement of  
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Before the  
**House Committees on**  
**Tourism, Culture & International Affairs**  
**And**  
**Economic Revitalization, Business & Military affairs**  
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State Capitol, Conference Room 312  
in consideration of

## **HB 2651 RELATING TO LIQUOR LICENSES**

Good morning Chairs Manahan & McKelvey, Vice Chairs Tokioka & Choy and members of the respective Committees:

I am Rick Egged testifying on behalf of the Waikiki Improvement Association. WIA is a nonprofit organization representing 170 leading businesses and stakeholders in Waikiki.

The Waikīkī Improvement Association must oppose HB 2651. Although we understand the intent of this bill, we believe it is an over reaction to problems caused by some of the patrons of a few properties. All establishments should not be punished because of these difficulties. WIA would prefer to work directly with the properties involved to manage the circumstances surrounding the closing hours.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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I am writing as a resident of Waikiki for nearly a decade and a member of the Waikiki Neighborhood Board (WNB) for several years. At each WNB meeting we begin with reports from the various city agencies. The Honolulu Police Department (HPD) reports each month. Each month HPD reports instances of disorderly conduct at or near establishments open until 4 AM ("4 AM Bars"). Apparently patrons who are still active at 2 AM tend to congregate at the 4 AM Bars, where they are frequently disruptive and combative.

The Waikiki Neighborhood Board, the Waikiki Improvement Association and HPD have tried to the limits of their authority to do remedy this situation - to no avail.

Rep. Brower, who attends our Board meetings regularly, introduced this legislation in response to our plight.

I ask you to pass this measure on behalf of the residents and tourists in Waikiki. There are enough 24-hour eating establishments that those who want to get something to eat or drink at that hour may do so. We need to eliminate the 4 AM Bar. This venue appears to be a magnet for troublemakers.

Very truly yours,  
Jo-Ann M. Adams

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Chair(s) and Vice Chair and committee members,

Aloha,

Today I am testifying in favor of House Bill#2651 introduced by State Representative Tom Brower,

I support this piece of legislation for multiple reasons. I am a resident of Waikiki and have been so for a dozen years. I have seen the changes that have taken place in society and in Waikiki ,for awhile now.

And it is disturbing ,and increasingly people are uncivil towards each other,

I know something about liquor as I bartended for Caesar's Palace ,for almost 10 years ,at a entertainment bar , a VERY busy bar.

I have been in the Food and Beverage Industry,as a owner,waiter,bartender,caterer ,and developer of restaurants

I can say I am very well versed on all aspects of the Food and Beverage Industry.

I see these Cabaret licensed venues as a attraction,for all kinds of people,as a result of their late hours of service

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Many are just people out having fun ,some are locals,some are Military ,and a lot are tourists.

The behavior of some of some of these people is unacceptable,in what I think is a Family Friendly destination.

They are harming the whole reputation of Waikiki,as a result of their actions,and the actions of people who are drawn to Waikiki,to cause trouble,assault people,sell drugs and promote prostitution.

I do know that most people slow down their drinking after 2 am. ,and are hanging out in clubs and on the streets after the clubs shut to either meet someone to go home with,or party in their house or hotel room with,and also some do the things I just mentioned.

If these clubs have to close at 2 am the financial impact will not be that great,they make good money,and these cabaret licenses are treasured.

Other not so lucky bar owners do not have the same privilege and as a result they still thrive and are financially successful.

In fact, I do believe customers will drink more as the 2 am hour approaches,and offset the amount that these vendors might have lost,and actually save these clubs ,lots of overhead,including labor,electric,etc.

These customers will go to bed earlier create more financial opportunity's for tourists and the tourist industry,as well.

Their will be less police needed,less liquor commissioner

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hours necessary,less noise which wakes up all the local residents,and tourists alike

Also, there will be less drunk drivers on the road and give the police less time on the highways to deal with that type of problem.

The cost benefit analysis unquestionably speaks for itself loud and clear.

I am sure and would hope Mother against Drunk Driving will support this measure,as well as lots of residents,and other business leaders besides the clubs that will be impacted

Our reputation as a destination is being severely damaged by what goes on in Waikiki late at night,

Just look on line at Blogs and Travel website visitor comments,they are really unattractive.

We cannot allow ourselves to be burdened as a entire business community by the small and insignificant financial impact the passage of this legislation will have on Cabaret license holders.

Please support this measure,

David Moskowitz