

Late Testimony

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Representative Joey Manahan, Chair
Representative James Kunane Tokioka, Vice Chair
Committee on Tourism, Culture and International Affairs

Representative Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair
Representative Isaac W. Choy, Vice Chair
Committee on Economic Development and Military Affairs

RE: HB2651 Relating to Liquor Licenses

Dear Chair Manahan, Vice Chair Tokioka, Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Choy and
Members of the Committee:

This letter is written on behalf of our company, which has a nightclub in Waikiki that has operated with a cabaret license for more than two decades. We are opposed to the intent of this legislation because it will result in the loss of at least one thousand jobs. Most such establishments will not be able to pay the high rents that exist in Waikiki if they were to lose their cabaret licenses. Moreover, it would further impact the growing impression that Waikiki has very little nightlife entertainment. There are currently no movie theaters and very few live shows for tourists.

However, we do understand the concerns raised by the opponents of this bill. We view the problem as a proliferation of cabaret licenses in recent years. Three years ago there were only two other cabaret licenses within three blocks of our nightclub. Today there are no less than a dozen such licenses. This has resulted in more people on the street late at night and more noise coming from some establishments with open doors.

Our suggestion to remedy this situation is to tighten the rules for the approval of Waikiki cabaret licenses. Outside of Waikiki such licenses cannot be issued if there is another cabaret license within 500 feet. But Waikiki was given an exemption from that rule years ago. Perhaps the law can be amended so that Waikiki cabaret licenses can also not be issued if there is another cabaret license within a certain distance.

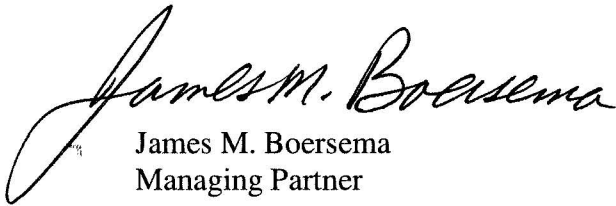
Ultimately, we believe this issue should be settled by the Honolulu Liquor Commission in consultation with the Hawaii Tourism Authority, the Waikiki Improvement Association and the Waikiki Neighborhood Board. It should not be done through legislation that is an over-reaction and could harm business ^{and} the livelihood of many people at this critical time.

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Thank you for considering my input. If you wish to talk to me directly, I can be reached on my cell phone at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,


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From: Carole Hagihara on behalf of EBMtestimony
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Comments:

I am in opposition to this bill. Reducing Cabaret Licenses to 2 am would not only be detrimental to those businesses with cabaret licenses in Waikiki, but also the businesses in Waikiki in general. I feel it would also impact Waikiki as a tourist destination. In this down economy, we need to promote tourism in Waikiki, not damage it any more.

Thank you.

Byron E Chalfont
Waikiki resident and business owner