

HB 587, hd2

Measure Title:

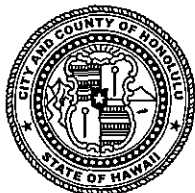
RELATING TO COUNTIES

Report Title:

Authorizes each county's liquor commission to appoint and remove their respective liquor administrator, unless otherwise prescribed by their respective county charter. Effective July 1, 2030.
(HB587 HD2)

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PETER B. CARLISLE
MAYOR

March 17, 2011

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations,
And Military Affairs
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State of Hawaii

RE: Testimony of Mayor Peter Carlisle on H.B. 587, H.D. 2 Relating to Counties.

Chair Espero and members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations and Military Affairs, Mayor Peter Carlisle submits the following testimony in support of H.B. 587, H.D. 2. H.B. 587, H.D. 2 is a bill proposed and supported by the Hawaii Council of Mayors which is comprised of the Mayors of Maui, Kauai, Hawaii and the City and County of Honolulu.

The purpose of this bill is to amend Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) section 281-11.5 to provide that county liquor administrators be appointed and removed as prescribed by each county charter. Under Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, the counties have the authority to adopt charter provisions on their executive, legislative and administrative structure which shall be superior to statutory provisions subject to the authority of the legislature to exact general laws allocating and reallocating powers. All four counties have adopted a charter provision regarding the appointment and removal of a county liquor administrator and this bill would harmonize the statute with the charter provisions.

I respectfully request your favorable consideration of this bill and thank you for this opportunity to testify.

HAWAII COUNCIL OF MAYORS



Testimony of the

Hawai'i Council of Mayors

Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr. Mayor of Kaua'i County
Peter Carlisle, Mayor of City and County of Honolulu
Billy Kenoi, Mayor of Hawai'i County
Alan Arakawa, Mayor of Maui County

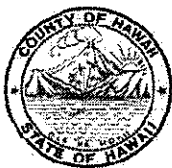
Before a Hearing of the
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Thursday, March 17, 2011
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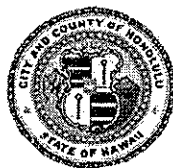
H.B. No. 587, HD2 Relating to Counties

The Hawai'i Council of Mayors (HCOM) supports H.B. No. 587, HD2, which provides that the county liquor administrators be appointed and removed either by each county's liquor commission or as prescribed by their charters. The Bill also shifts the ancillary powers of the liquor administrator from H.R.S. §281-17 to H.R.S. §281-11.5.

The Hawai'i State constitution, Article VIII, Section 2, authorizes the counties to frame and adopt a charter for their own self-government. H.B. 587, HD2 clarifies and reinforces this basic "home rule" doctrine.



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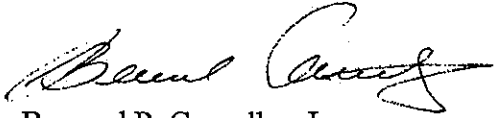
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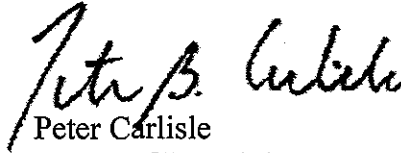
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For this reason, the Hawai'i Council of Mayors strongly supports H.B.587, HD2 and requests your favorable consideration.

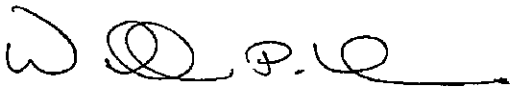
Mahalo,



Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.
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