



LATE TESTIMONY

Committee: Committees on Economic Revitalization & Business
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, February 10, 2011, 8:00 a.m.
Place: Room 312
Re: Testimony of the ACLU of Hawaii in Support of H.B. 1339,
Relating to Liquor Commissions

Dear Chair McKelvey and Members of the Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business:

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii ("ACLU of Hawaii") writes in support of H.B. 1339, Relating to Liquor Commissions, which would require county liquor commissions to adopt or amend rules regarding conduct of patrons and to define the term "dancing."

The ACLU of Hawaii has received a number of complaints about Maui's "Footloose" rule, Rule 08-101-23, which, among other things, prohibits dancing in bars and restaurants that serve alcohol, unless there is a designated dance floor in an area where alcohol isn't consumed. Patrons are not allowed to "dance" anywhere else in the bar or restaurant without bringing heavy fines on the bar/restaurant owner. The rule also fails to define dancing and, as such, leaves patrons without any notice as to what movements would be considered "dancing."

The complaints we have received allege that Liquor Control officers are overzealous in their enforcement of the rules and that the Liquor Control Commission has been unresponsive and outright hostile to complaints. H.B. 1339 may help to resolve that conflict by requiring the Maui Liquor Control Commission to ensure that its rules protect the constitutional rights of Maui's residents and visitors. We urge you to support H.B. 1339.

The mission of the ACLU of Hawaii is to protect the fundamental freedoms enshrined in the U.S. and State Constitutions. The ACLU of Hawaii fulfills this through legislative, litigation, and public education programs statewide. The ACLU of Hawaii is a non-partisan and private non-profit organization that provides its services at no cost to the public and does not accept government funds. The ACLU of Hawaii has been serving Hawaii for over 45 years.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
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Comments:

"Dance like no one is watching!"

This statement is famous because dance is one of the highest and perhaps the ultimate form of self-expression. And therefore, to have any restrictions on this personal and wholesome form of exercise is not only ridiculous, but goes against our right, as Americans, for freedom and the pursuit of happiness. It's archaic and totally inappropriate, that the Liquor Commission should have the power to control an individual in any activity unrelated to alcohol consumption. Please, do the right thing, and bring the Liquor Commission, as well as, dancing in Maui County, into the 21st Century, where they belong!

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Comments:

I support HB 1339. With your support we will soon be able to tap our toes and bob our heads to the music on Maui.

'a'a i ka hula,

Paul :)

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Comments:

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'a'a i ka hula,

Cori :)

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Aloha ERB Committe Members,

I strongly support this bill HB1339. Thank you kindly for your consideration of this bill.

Thank you
Melissa Ebeling