

# **SB 2258**

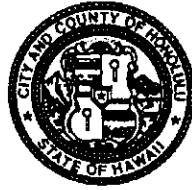
## RELATING TO THE PENAL CODE

Establishes knowingly or intentionally causing bodily injury to liquor commission investigators while performing their job duties as assault in the second degree.

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January 27, 2014

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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair  
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental  
and Military Affairs

**Hearing:** Tuesday, January 28, 2014  
3:00 p.m.; Room 224

**Position:** Support SB2258, Relating to the Penal Code

Dear Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members:

The Liquor Commission, City and County of Honolulu, supports Senate Bill 2258, Relating to the Penal Code.

Like the other public safety individuals identified in Section 707-711(i), Hawaii Revised Statutes, the proposed measure will characterize the knowing or intentional infliction of bodily injury to a liquor control investigator engaged in the performance of duty as assault in the second degree. The environment in which our liquor control investigators work is as potentially hazardous as that occupied by firefighters and water safety officers. As such, the proposed measure is an appropriate recognition of the physical risk inherent in routinely dealing with licensees and patrons in an alcohol-fueled environment, and a deterrent to those who feel infliction of bodily harm to a liquor control investigator is without serious consequence.

The Liquor Commission urges your support of Senate Bill 2258, Relating to the Penal Code. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

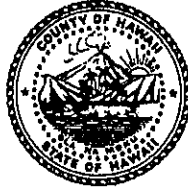
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The Department of Liquor Control and the Liquor Commission of the County of Hawai'i support Senate Bill 2258, Relating to the Penal Code.

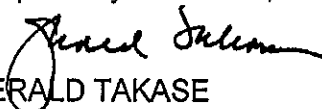
The proposed measure adds liquor control investigators engaged in the performance of their duties to the class of employees protected or recognized under Section 707-711, Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

Our liquor control investigators work in a potentially hazardous environment, many times alone. This designation recognizes the risks that may be present when inspecting licensed premises and dealing with patrons under less than ideal circumstances.

Creating these protections for our investigators is a needed step to protect them and recognize the potentially dangerous environment in which they must operate.

The Department of Liquor Control and the Liquor Commission endorse SB2258 Relating to the Penal Code and urge its passage.

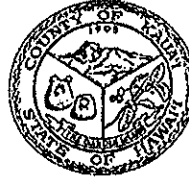
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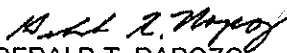
The Department of Liquor Control, County of Kauai, supports Senate Bill 2258 relating to the Penal Code.

The liquor control investigators often encounter hostile persons when making on-site inspections of liquor licensed premises. Investigators deal with persons that are intoxicated, maybe under the influence of narcotics or both.

The proposed measure will add liquor control investigators to those already recognized as public safety individuals. The Department of Liquor Control, County of Kauai urges you to support Senate Bill 2258, Relating to the Penal Code.

Thank-you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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