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DATE: February 10, 2014
FROM: Roger Morey, Executive Director
RE: SB2859, Relating to Administrative Penalties

The Hawaii Restaurant Association opposes this bill.

There are more than 3,000 licensed foodservice operations in Hawaii. Many of them are small, family owned operations and could not sustain such fines. It would, literally, put them out of business with negative consequences including diminution of taxes being paid, increase in unemployment and genuine family hardships. Truly, the current \$1,000.00 per day amount gets their attention.

Additionally, and just as important, the soon to be introduced Department of Health placard program (which the Hawaii Restaurant Association supports) precludes the need for such draconian fines.

Respectfully submitted,