

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1154

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 1154 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LIQUOR COMMISSION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require that for
counties with a population of five hundred thousand or more, a
notice of a public hearing on an application for a liquor license
before a county liquor commission be mailed at least thirty days
prior to the date set for the hearing.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Liquor Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

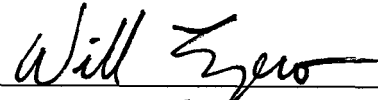
Your Committee finds that starting a liquor licensed business
requires a considerable amount of time and a significant financial
investment, and obtaining an approved liquor license is a critical
step in commencing operations and generating revenue to offset
costs. The time between a notice of a public hearing on a liquor
license application and the actual hearing allows individuals to
determine the impact of a liquor license on the community.
Implementation of this measure will enable approved liquor license
applicants to commence operations sooner, while still providing
ample time for individuals to evaluate and comment on a liquor
license application.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with



the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1154 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental and Military
Affairs,



WILL ESPERO, Chair



