

HB 293 HD1

RELATING TO LIQUOR LICENSES

Directs the Director of Public Safety to prepare preliminary design and request for proposals for the design, construction, and operation of a community correctional facility. Appropriates funds. (HB840 HD1)

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March 20, 2015

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Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
Committee on Government Operations

Hearing: Tuesday, March 24, 2015
1:15 p.m.; Room 229

Position: Support HB 293 HD1, Relating to Liquor Licenses

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members;
Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members:

The Liquor Commission, City and County of Honolulu (Commission), supports House Bill 293 HD1, Relating to Liquor Licenses.

Before a liquor license can be issued, transferred, or renewed, the applicant or licensee must produce to the Commission a signed certificate from the state Director of Taxation (DoTax) and from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) showing that the applicant or licensee does not owe the state or the federal government any delinquent taxes, penalties, or interest ("tax clearance"). Meeting this requirement is particularly critical at license renewal time, when the Commission's 1,400+ liquor licenses all must be renewed and issued in a timely fashion to prevent a break in liquor sales and service for the licensee. The proposed measure will amend Section 281-45(3), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to authorize the county liquor commissions to accept a certificate of vendor compliance issued by the Hawaii Compliance Express system in satisfaction of the tax clearance requirement. This certificate of vendor compliance will provide compliance assurance equal to the tax clearances issued by DoTax and the IRS, while making for a more efficient license renewal process for those licensees who utilize Hawaii Compliance Express's vendor compliance system.

The Liquor Commission urges your support of House Bill 293 HD1, Relating to Liquor Licenses. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,


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March 16, 2015

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Dear Chairs Dela Cruz & Espero, Vice Chairs Nishihara & Baker and Members:

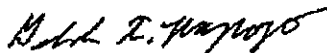
The Department of Liquor Control, County of Kauai, supports House Bill 293 HD1 relating to Liquor Licenses.

Currently, a liquor license applicant is required to submit as part of its application a "signed certificate from the director of taxation and from the Internal Revenue Service" as stated in Section 281-45(3) of the Hawaii Revised Statutes. Amending the current statute to allow the liquor departments to accept a "Certificate of Vendor Compliance" issued by the Hawaii Compliance Express is another option for our licensees & applicants.

The certificate from Hawaii Compliance Express gives "real time" information as to whether or not the entity is in compliance with the state tax office and IRS. Currently, tax clearances which are less than 6 months old are accepted. The Department of Liquor Control, County of Kauai urges you to support House Bill 293 HD1, Relating to liquor licenses.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


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