

Honorable Senator David Y. Ige
Committee on Inter-governmental affairs, Chair

Honorable Senator Lorraine M. Inouye
Committee on Transportation and Government operations, Chair

RE: Senate Bill 2551 - relating to
Liquor Commission procedures on registered
voters and decision to deny or approve
liquor licenses

NOT IN SUPPORT AS WRITTEN

Good afternoon Chairs Ige and Inouye
and committee members:

I'm Daisy Murai, a resident of Kapahulu, who has spoken
on several Liquor Commission Bills and Resolutions
with problems and concerns our community has had
with the Honolulu Liquor Commission. The intent of
Senate Bill 2551 is well meaning to the general public,
it is a duplication of an existing Hawaii Revised
Statute 281-59, which states that the MAJORITY of
property owners, leasees of property on record or registered
voters within 500 feet radius are against the Liquor
License for the applicant, by the Hawaii Revised
statutes, the application for the Liquor License is DENIED.

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The voter registration list from the office of Elections is 6 years old and I believe that the list is being up-dated. The ~~list~~ Liquor Commission Investigator has the task of verifying the current property owners + leases as well as the registered voters against the list the applicant submits. This is record that the 5 Liquor Commissioners will use in determining if there is a majority against the applicant to deny the liquor license as the Commissioners are regulated by Hawaii Revised Statutes 281-series

~~There~~ There is also the question of Notification by the Liquor Commission to both applicant and all interested parties on agenda items. This Thursday, February 9, 2006 at 4 pm, the Honolulu Liquor Commission (agenda item 24) will be hearing from the city's Corporation Counsel advising the Commissioners on the appeal for Fitz Lounge Operating Company (dba, I believe as Irish Rose Saloon) and do hope that both the Irish Rose Saloon applicant and the Waikiki registered voters and property owners and leases are notified of this important hearing, ~~as~~ as the case has already had 2 hearings in the First Circuit Court.

These are my reasons on why I feel ~~that~~ there are many more important issues than what is addressed on Senate Bill 2551.

I thank you for the opportunity to speak.

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