



## WAIKIKI NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 9

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Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Vice- Chair  
Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

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Testimony in support of SB2251, SB2252, SB2253 and SB 2254

Over the past year the Waikiki Community has had a great amount of movement of Established Liquor Establishments and openings of new Establishments. At the same time the Liquor Commission has been under fire for many problems.

One of the problems with the current law on notifying people that live within 500 feet of an establishment that would like a new or revised liquor license is that current law does not require that they all receive notification. The law provides for a formula by which two-thirds of the registered voters within five hundred feet and three-fourths of the voters within one hundred feet are to be sent notification. The result of this is that an individual might literally live next door to a proposed establishment and not receive notification.

After a great deal of discussion the Waikiki Neighborhood Board felt it would not be unreasonable for the Statute that requires notification of property owners in the immediate area (currently within 500 feet) to be amended to require the applicant to make every effort to notify 100% of the owners of all properties within 500 feet of proposed project.

Motion made at the June 14, 2005 meeting of the Waikiki Neighborhood Board.

"Erteschik moved to amend the State liquor application law to notify 100% of residents residing within 500 feet of an establishment applying for a liquor license to be notified of any applications being sought by a business and/or residence." Flood seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

As the Waikiki Community is in fact a balance between the Visitor Industry and the Residents it would be reasonable for the residents to be fully informed on new Bars and Night Clubs that affect them in a reasonable time for them to prepare for Liquor Commission Meetings on these License Requests.

For those reasons, the Waikiki Neighborhood Board supports the concept of SB2551, SB2552 and SB2553 and SB 2554 that provide additional protection and notification to owners and residents before a new Liquor License is allowed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Finley", is written over the typed name.

Robert J. Finley  
Chairman  
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