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Subject: **STRONG SUPPORT** for SB 2551, 2552, 2553, 2554; Relating to
Intoxicating Liquor

As a twenty one years resident of Waikiki and current elected member of the Waikiki Neighborhood Board, I live and work in Waikiki, so I know what the residents of Island colony are going through. I strongly support the passage of Senate Bill's 2551, 2552, 2553, 2554.

These four senate bills are the result of a great deal of pain endured by many Waikiki residents who found themselves nearly helpless in trying to stop a liquor establishment from being opened up in the Condominium complex where they reside. It's true that we chose to live in Waikiki, but it does not mean that we want to live right next to a liquor establishment. I urge the Committee to be more consider on the **real people** that live right in that building because more often than not, when granting or denying a liquor-license applications, the very people who will be directly impacted by such businesses are left out of the decision-making process.

I urge the Committee to pass SB 2551, 2552, 2553, and 2554. Passage of these four bills will send out a message that the Committee is really care about improve the quality of life for everyone, not just residents of Waikiki.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.