

RE: S.B. No. 2125

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii
Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2125 entitled:
"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LIQUOR LICENSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase the maximum allowable fine for violation of liquor control laws by a licensee from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Food Industry Association

Your Committee finds that the liquor Commissions or liquor control adjudication boards of each county are established to regulate the sale of liquor through the issuance of liquor licenses and the enforcement of laws and rules. Your Committee further finds that the current maximum fine allowable for violations of liquor control laws is \$2,000. Heftier fines can create a greater deterrent for license holders to avoid violation of liquor control laws and rules. This measure will increase the maximum fine, which will grant greater flexibility to the liquor commissions or liquor control adjudication boards in assessing fees.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2125 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on
Judiciary,

KARL RHOADS, Chair