## BILL 27 (2022) Testimony

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TO: Committee on Housing and the Economy

FROM: HAWAII FOOD INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

Lauren Zirbel, Executive Director

DATE: May 24, 2022 TIME: 10:30am

PLACE: Via Videoconference

RE: Bill 27 Relating to Public Places

Position: Support

The Hawaii Food Industry Association is comprised of two hundred member companies representing retailers, suppliers, producers, and distributors of food and beverage related products in the State of Hawaii.

HFIA is in support of this measure authorizing outdoor dining services on certain public places. Our local restaurants have been some of the hardest hit businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic downturn. Allowing more outdoor dining in Honolulu is common sense way to help our local food businesses continue to serve their customers and communities and safely increase capacity. We encourage the committee to vote yes on this measure.

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