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October 20, 2025

The Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair and Presiding Officer
and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

Pursuant to Section 13-103(b) of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu, I hereby reappoint, subject to confirmation by your Honorable Body, Mr. Edmund "Fred" Hyun as a member of the Liquor Commission.

Mr. Hyun will serve for a term to expire on December 31, 2030. I would appreciate your favorable consideration of Mr. Hyun's reappointment and request adoption by the City Council in the most expedient manner possible.

I have enclosed a draft resolution and Mr. Hyun's information for your review. For any general inquiries you may have regarding this reappointment, please contact my Chief of Staff, Andy Sugg, at 808-768-4811.

Sincerely,

Rick Blangiardi
Mayor

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Edmund K.B. Hyun
Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
Liquor Commission
Ethics Commission

MAYOR'S MESSAGE 163

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No._____

RESOLUTION

CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF EDMUND K.B. HYUN TO SERVE ON THE LIQUOR COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

WHEREAS, Section 281-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), as amended, establishes a liquor commission for each county consisting of at least five members appointed by the county mayor and confirmed by the county council to five-year terms; and

WHEREAS, the major duties of the Honolulu Liquor Commission are the following: 1) granting and, if necessary, suspending or revoking liquor licenses; 2) monitoring the operations of liquor licensees; 3) adopting rules on the proper conduct of liquor manufacturers, importers, and sellers; and 4) enforcing state laws and commission rules relating to liquor; and

WHEREAS, Section 281-11, HRS, establishes the following qualifications and disqualifications applicable to the Honolulu Liquor Commission member:

(1) A member must be a United States citizen;

(2) A member must have resided in the county served by the commission for at least three years immediately preceding appointment;

(3) A member cannot engage or hold a direct or indirect interest in "any business for the manufacture or sale of liquor";

(4) A member cannot be an advocate or member of or identified or connected with "any organization or association which advocates prohibition";

(5) A member cannot be an elected state or county officer or a candidate for a public office while on the commission; and

(6) A member cannot belong to the same political party to which a quorum of other members already belong; and

WHEREAS, by Mayor's letter dated October 20, 2025, the Mayor has reappointed Edmund K.B. Hyun to the Honolulu Liquor Commission; and

WHEREAS, if confirmed by the Council, Mr. Hyun will serve for a term expiring on December 31, 2030; and

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WHEREAS, based on its review of the appointee, the Council finds that Mr. Hyun qualifies to serve on the Honolulu Liquor Commission and deserves confirmation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that this body confirms the reappointment of Edmund K.B. Hyun to the Honolulu Liquor Commission to serve for a term expiring on December 31, 2030; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Hyun for his willingness to be considered for public service and actively participate in City government; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Chair of the Honolulu Liquor Commission and Edmund K.B. Hyun.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION: _____

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Honolulu, Hawai'i Councilmembers