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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HONOLULU LIQUOR COMMISSION TO STUDY THE  
FEASIBILITY OF MANDATORY STATEWIDE TRAINING STANDARDS FOR  
SELLERS AND SERVERS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

1           WHEREAS, as of January 1, 2009, Hawaii was one of only 15  
2 states without an alcoholic beverage server training law,  
3 according to the National Institutes of Health; and  
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5           WHEREAS, unlike most states, Hawaii lacks a state liquor  
6 commission and instead leaves the licensing and regulation of  
7 commercial alcoholic beverages to be handled by county  
8 jurisdiction according to the Hawaii Revised Statutes; and  
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10           WHEREAS, current server training requirements vary  
11 significantly by county and when certification is granted to an  
12 employee in one county, it is not transferable to establishments  
13 in other counties; and  
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15           WHEREAS, one of the contributing factors to Hawaii's high  
16 rate of drunk driving fatalities and violent crimes may be the  
17 lack of training to identify and deal with overdrinking by  
18 patrons, to refuse service to underage drinkers, and to  
19 understand the consequences of driving while intoxicated; and  
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21           WHEREAS, the Legislature wants to deter driving under the  
22 influence of alcohol by providing the county liquor commissions  
23 with a statutory tool to render their activities more  
24 effectively and not to interfere with or compromise their  
25 continuing work; now, therefore,  
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27           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
28 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
29 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Honolulu Liquor  
30 Commission (Commission) is requested to study the feasibility of  
31 establishing mandatory uniform statewide standards for the



1 training and certification of those involved in the selling and  
2 serving of alcoholic beverages in commercial establishments,  
3 including identifying who should be trained, impacts on  
4 liability insurance, and costs to establishments; and  
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission, in  
7 collaboration with the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Hawaii, is  
8 requested to establish a working group of appropriate  
9 governmental and community agencies to provide input into this  
10 study; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission is requested to  
13 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including  
14 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20  
15 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2011; and  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the  
19 Honolulu Liquor Commission, Attorney General, Mayors of each  
20 county, Chairperson of the Council for each of the counties, and  
21 Chairperson of the Liquor Commissions or Liquor Control  
22 Adjudication Boards of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui counties, and  
23 Executive Director of Mothers Against Drunk Driving Hawaii.

