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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS 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  
2 fifteen states without an alcoholic beverage server training  
3 law, 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, that the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs is  
30 requested to study the feasibility of establishing mandatory  
31 uniform statewide standards for the training and certification  
32 of those involved in the selling and serving of alcoholic  
33 beverages in commercial establishments including identifying who



1 should be trained, impacts on liability insurance, and costs to  
2 establishments; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Commerce and  
5 Consumer Affairs, in collaboration with the Mothers Against  
6 Drunk Driving Hawaii, is requested to establish a working group  
7 of appropriate governmental and community agencies to provide  
8 input into this study; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Commerce and  
11 Consumer Affairs is requested to submit a report of its findings  
12 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
13 Legislature not later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
14 the Regular Session of 2011; and  
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
17 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce and  
18 Consumer Affairs, the Attorney General, the Mayors of each  
19 county, the Chairperson of the Council for each of the counties,  
20 and the Chairperson of the Liquor Commissions or Liquor Control  
21 Adjudication Boards of each county, and the Executive Director  
22 of Mothers Against Drunk Driving Hawaii.  
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