
HOUSE CONCURRENT 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, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Commerce
30 and Consumer Affairs 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 Department of Commerce and
7 Consumer Affairs, in collaboration with the Mothers Against
8 Drunk Driving Hawaii, is requested to establish a working group
9 of appropriate governmental and community agencies to provide
10 input into this study; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Commerce and
13 Consumer Affairs is requested to submit a report of its findings
14 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
15 Legislature not later than twenty days prior to the convening of
16 the Regular Session of 2011; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce
20 and Consumer Affairs, the Attorney General, the Mayors of each
21 county, the Chairperson of the Council for each of the counties,
22 and the Chairperson of the Liquor Commissions or Liquor Control
23 Adjudication Boards of each county, and the Executive Director
24 of Mothers Against Drunk Driving Hawaii.
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