
HOUSE 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, that the Honolulu Liquor Commission (Commission) 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



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

