

SB 56

RELATING TO INTOXICATING LIQUOR.

Requires the liquor commission to provide alcohol servers with mandatory training on serving alcohol.

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RE: **S.B. 56 – Relating to Intoxicating Liquor**
Hearing: Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 2:45 p.m., Room 224

Dear Chair Espero and Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Government
Operations, and Military Affairs:

I am Christine Ogawa Karamatsu, appearing on behalf of the Distilled Spirits Council of
the United States (“DISCUS”). DISCUS is a national trade association representing
producers and marketers of distilled spirits sold in the United States.

S.B. 56 requires the liquor commission to provide alcohol servers with mandatory
training on serving alcohol.

DISCUS **supports** S.B. 56 because such training processes, if developed and
implemented effectively, can ensure that those selling and serving liquor in Hawaii do so
responsibly and with an understanding of relevant state laws. This can be an effective
means of combating illegal practices such as underage drinking and drunk driving. These
are important efforts of the Century Council, a not-for-profit organization funded solely
by America’s leading distillers.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to present testimony on S.B. 56. We look
forward to participating in further discussion on this measure.