

SB 741

Measure Title: RELATING TO INTOXICATING LIQUOR.
Report Title: Intoxicating liquor; Servers
Description: Authorizes the county liquor commissions to require training and certification for liquor servers.
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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & CONSUMER PROTECTION
Senator Rosalyn H Baker, Chair

SB 741
Relating to Intoxicating Liquor

Chair Baker and Members of this Committee,

My name is Max Sword, here on behalf of Outrigger Hotels Hawaii, in opposition to this bill.

Outrigger Hotels is committed to, and has been involved with, the various County Liquor Commissions to ensure that liquor is used in a proper, safe and an enjoyable manner. We support the efforts of the Commissions to make sure that underage drinking is curbed, through training programs, such as carding anyone who looks 35 and younger, and recognizing fake ID cards.

In all these areas, we believe that the Commissions and the industry have done a good job in striving for those goals.

Currently, to achieve those objectives in Honolulu, for example, we at Outrigger have our bartenders go through a server-training program, and managers are issued special certificates as “supervisory” personnel who control the distribution of liquor.

SB 741 would require that even front desk personnel or a housekeeper would be required to go through extensive training, even though they may only deliver a bottle of wine up to one of the rooms once a month. For a company like Outrigger, that would mean the possibility of all 2,000+ employees going through the same training as a bartender.

We believe that under the current statutes, which allows each of the County Commissions to require this type of training through their rule making process, is sufficient and works well.

Also, the bill refers to “reciprocity.” The County Commissions have already been doing this for the last 10 years.

In conclusion, we believe that this bill is unnecessary and request that it be held.

Mahalo for allowing me to testify.

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RE: **S.B. 741 – Relating to Intoxicating Liquor**
Decision Making: Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 9:30 a.m., Room 229

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

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. 741 authorizes the county liquor commissions to require training and certification for liquor servers or sellers.

DISCUS **supports** S.B. 741 because such certification 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 comments on S.B. 741. We look forward to participating in further discussion on this measure.