



**HAWAI'I LODGING & TOURISM  
ASSOCIATION**

**LATE TESTIMONY**

**Testimony of George Sziget  
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HAWAI'I LODGING & TOURISM ASSOCIATION  
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs  
Hearing on February 25, 2014, 2:45 p.m.  
Senate Bill 3074 Relating to Hotel Class Liquor Licenses**

Dear Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker and Members of the Committee. My name is George Sziget and I am the President and CEO of the Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association.

The Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association (HLTA) is a statewide association of hotels, condominiums, timeshare companies, management firms, suppliers, and other related firms that benefit from and strengthen Hawai'i's visitor industry. Our membership includes over 150 lodging properties, representing over 48,000 rooms, and approximately 470 other Allied members. The lodging industry alone employs over 38,000 workers across the state of Hawai'i and generated over \$5.7 billion in annual sales in 2012. As part of the broader visitor industry – which employees 1/6 of all workers and 1/5 of those in the private sector, and generated \$14.4 billion in visitor spending in 2012 – we represent one of Hawai'i's largest industries and a critical sector of the economy.

On behalf of HLTA, permit me to offer this testimony regarding Senate Bill 3074 relating to Hotel Class Liquor Licenses. This bill amends the definition of "hotel" by removing the need for a hotel to have a kitchen and dining room in order to meet the requirements set forth under HRS Section 281-1.

The Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association supports this measure because it streamlines the requirements for a hotel to obtain a Class 12 hotel liquor license. We feel that the inclusion of a kitchen and dining room should not be a prerequisite for consideration as a "hotel" when applying for a Class 12 license.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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SB 3074  
Relating to Hotel Class Liquor License

Chair Espero, Chair Kahele and Members of both Committee, my name is Max Sword, here on behalf of Outrigger Hotels Hawaii, in support of SB 3074.

The Hotel Class Liquor Licenses allows the serving of liquor for room service, mini bars in rooms, serving of liquor at weddings and other events on the property and the catering of liquor for off premises events such as weddings, luaus, company receptions, conventions and other off-site events.

The current statues for a hotel property, requires that it includes either a restaurant, a kitchen or a dining room that serves food as currently defined in Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 281-1.

However, the hotel industry has changed. Most of the new transient accommodations now being built, timeshares & condo-tels usually do not have a restaurant, full kitchens or dining rooms to serve meals, they primarily have meeting rooms. The removal of the kitchen requirement would allow stand alone hotels and timeshares to offer another service, liquor room service to its clients.

Removing the requirement for a kitchen for a hotel license in this bill, would also help smaller hotel operations who do not have the resources or the space available to maintain a restaurant with a kitchen and dining room on the hotel property.

Mahalo for allowing use to testify and urge your passage of this bill.