

# **SB 3074**

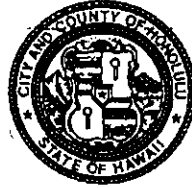
## **RELATING TO HOTEL CLASS LIQUOR LICENSES**

Amends the definition of "hotel" for purposes of qualification for a hotel class liquor license by deleting requirement that a hotel have a kitchen and dining room.

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Senator Will Espero, Chair  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair  
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Senator Gilbert Kahele, Chair  
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair  
Committee on Tourism

**Hearing:** Tuesday, February 25, 2014  
2:45 p.m.; Room 224

**Position:** Support SB3074, Relating to Hotel Class Liquor Licenses

Dear Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members:  
Dear Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members:

The Liquor Commission, City and County of Honolulu, supports Senate Bill 3074, Relating to Hotel Class Liquor Licenses.

We have been advised by representatives of the hospitality industry that the trend in modern hotel practice is for certain properties to forego maintaining a hotel kitchen and dining room unless necessitated by an established banquet business, and instead to rely on separately licensed restaurants to provide meal service for hotel guests. The proposed measure will amend Section 281-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to make the hotel kitchen and dining room an optional feature, rather than a mandatory requirement. As such, the proposed measure will conform legal requirements to modern business practice and hospitality trends and should be an encouragement, rather than an impediment, to new and existing hotel licensees. The Commission will not experience regulatory difficulties from the eliminated requirement.

The Liquor Commission urges your support of Senate Bill 3074, Relating to Hotel Class Liquor Licenses. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

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