REQUESTING THE HONOLULU LIQUOR COMMISSION TO STUDY THE
FEASIBILITY OF MANDATORY STATEWIDE TRAINING STANDARDS FOR
SELLERS AND SERVERS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

WHEREAS, as of January 1, 2009, Hawaii was one of only 15
states without an alcoholic beverage server training law,
according to the National Institutes of Health; and

WHEREAS, unlike most states, Hawaii lacks a state liquor
commission and instead leaves the licensing and regulation of
commercial alcoholic beverages to be handled by county
jurisdiction according to the Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

WHEREAS, current server training requirements vary
significantly by county and when certification is granted to an
employee in one county, it is not transferable to establishments
in other counties; and

WHEREAS, one of the contributing factors to Hawaii's high
rate of drunk driving fatalities and violent crimes may be the
lack of training to identify and deal with overdrinking by
patrons, to refuse service to underage drinkers, and to
understand the consequences of driving while intoxicated; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature wants to deter driving under the
influence of alcohol by providing the county liquor commissions
with a statutory tool to render their activities more
effectively and not to interfere with or compromise their
continuing work; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
of 2010, that the Honolulu Liquor Commission (Commission) is
requested to study the feasibility of establishing mandatory
uniform statewide standards for the training and certification
of those involved in the selling and serving of alcoholic
beverages in commercial establishments, including identifying
who should be trained, impacts on liability insurance, and costs
to establishments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission, in
collaboration with the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Hawaii, is
requested to establish a working group of appropriate
governmental and community agencies to provide input into this
study; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission is requested to
submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20
days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Honolulu Liquor
Commission, Attorney General, Mayors of each county, Chairperson
of the Council for each of the counties, and Chairperson of the
Liquor Commissions or Liquor Control Adjudication Boards of
Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui counties, and Executive Director of
Mothers Against Drunk Driving Hawaii.