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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LIQUOR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that experiential
2 learning and hands-on training are essential to prepare students
3 for careers in culinary arts, hospitality, and related fields.
4 The legislature recognizes that work in these fields may
5 occasionally involve cooking with or serving alcohol.
6 Incorporating liquor into appropriate educational settings may
7 therefore be helpful for enhancing student learning, skill
8 development, and industry-relevant training. The legislature
9 also recognizes that other educational settings, like libraries,
10 may sometimes benefit from incorporating liquor into
11 exhibitions.

12 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to authorize state
13 libraries and the university of Hawaii and its campuses to
14 utilize liquor in certain educational settings, under certain
15 conditions, without obtaining a liquor license.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 281, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 **§281- Liquor; limited license exemption.**

5 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter or any other
6 law to the contrary, the following entities may utilize liquor
7 without obtaining a liquor license under part III; provided that
8 liquor is not consumed by persons under the age of twenty-one:

9 (1) The university of Hawaii and its campuses, solely to
10 support education and training in culinary arts,
11 hospitality, or a related field of study; provided
12 further that liquor may be sold to the general public;
13 and

14 (2) State libraries, solely for purposes of an educational
15 exhibition; provided further that liquor shall not be
16 sold to the general public."

17 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
18 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
19 begun before its effective date.

20 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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S.B. NO. 3062

Report Title:

UH; Libraries; Liquor; Alcohol; Learning; Education; Limited Purposes

Description:

Provides that the University of Hawaii and its campuses and state libraries may utilize liquor in certain educational settings without obtaining liquor licenses, subject to certain limitations.

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