

ACT 57

H.B. NO. 286

A Bill for an Act Relating to Tourism.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that tourism is the mainstay of the State's economy, with approximately one out of every three jobs in the State

linked directly or indirectly to the tourism industry. A deep inventory of hotels and condominium hotels of sufficient quality and accommodation is important to the maintenance and development of this crucial industry. Recent Hawaii tourism trends reveal an increasing number of families vacationing in condominium hotels, with an increased demand for units within hotels and condominium hotels that allow room service, mini-bar access, and other amenities tied to liquor licensing requirements.

The purpose of this Act is to support the State's tourism industry by increasing the inventory of condominium hotel and hotel rooms in which liquor is available by eliminating the requirement that a condominium hotel or hotel have a kitchen and dining room to qualify for a hotel class liquor license.

SECTION 2. Section 281-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending the definitions of "condominium hotel" and "hotel" to read as follows: "Condominium hotel" means an establishment consisting of one or more buildings that includes:

- (1) Guest rooms that are apartments, as defined in section 514A-3, or units, as defined in section 514B-3, which are used to provide transient lodging for periods of less than thirty days under a written contract with the owner of the apartment or unit in the condominium hotel operation; and
- (2) Guest rooms that are units, owned or managed by the condominium hotel operator providing transient lodging for periods of less than thirty days, which are offered for adequate pay to transient guests; and
- (3) ~~A suitable and adequate kitchen and dining room, where meals are regularly prepared and served to guests and other customers].~~

A "condominium hotel" does not include a hotel that may be part of a condominium property regime established under chapter 514A or 514B, that does not have guest rooms that are separate apartments, as defined in section 514A-3, or units, as defined in section 514B-3.

"Hotel" means an establishment consisting of one or more buildings which contain ~~[(1)]~~ such total number of rooms as may be prescribed by the commission and in which rooms sleeping accommodations are provided and offered for adequate pay to transient or permanent guests; ~~and (2) a suitable and adequate kitchen and dining room, where meals are regularly prepared and served to hotel guests and other customers].~~"

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 30, 2014.)