

28th LEGISLATURE, 2016

To our Licensees:

The below bills carried over from the 2015 legislative session or introduced in the 2016 legislative session may be of interest to you. Copies of the proposed measures can be obtained by clicking on the bill number hyperlink.

Bill Number	Description
HB293 SD1	Allows those applying for liquor licenses to present a certificate of vendor compliance issued by Hawaii Compliance Express to establish they do not owe delinquent taxes, penalties, or interest. (SD1)
HB1790	Expands the powers of the liquor commission to include alcohol abuse treatment and prevention. Converts the 10% ceiling on the use of fines for certain programs to a 10% floor. Requires the commission to use fine moneys to provide grants to the counties for alcohol abuse programs.
HB2249	Establishes enhanced penalties for multiple noise violations by a licensee in a county with a population of 500,000 or more during a single calendar year.
HB2422	Amends liquor license application and operating procedures to allow publicly-owned companies, and entities they solely own, to provide information for only those officers designated as primary decision makers regarding the purchase and sale of liquor and specifies that only a transfer of twenty-five per cent or more of outstanding voting capital stock requires a corporation to secure the approval of the transfer from the commission.
HB2506	Allows persons applying for liquor licenses to present a signed certificate from the state director of taxation or from the state procurement office to establish they do not owe any delinquent state taxes, penalties, or interest and are in compliance with state employment laws. Repeals the requirement that the applicant produce a federal tax clearance.
SB221	Permits the liquor commission to allow a restaurant licensee to sell malt beverages manufactured on the restaurant premises in brewery-sealed kegs and growlers. Defines "growler" as a glass or metal container, not to exceed one half-gallon, which shall be securely sealed.
SB403	Allows those applying for liquor licenses to present a certificate of vendor compliance issued by the state procurement office to establish they do not owe delinquent taxes, penalties, or interest.
SB2053	Lowers the threshold of blood alcohol content for the offense of driving under the influence of an intoxicant. [DEFERRED]
SB2062	Defines alcohol impact area as a geographic area designated and recognized by a county because the area had been adversely affected by chronic public inebriation or illegal activity associated with off-premises liquor sales or consumption. Provides the authority to enact an ordinance to designate an alcohol impact area to a county, and the authority to recognize an alcohol impact area to a county liquor commission or liquor adjudication board. Requires a county to submit annual reports to a county liquor

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	commission or liquor control adjudication board, and requires a county liquor commission or adjudication board to conduct an assessment of an alcohol impact area once every five years.
SB2223	Expands the powers of the liquor commission to include alcohol abuse treatment and prevention. Converts the 10% ceiling on the use of fines for certain programs to a 10% floor. Requires the commission to use fine moneys to provide grants to the counties for alcohol abuse programs.
SB2500	For counties with a population of five hundred thousand or more: requires a public hearing before the liquor commission on an application for a liquor license to be held not less than thirty days after the first public notice for the hearing.
SB3021	Establishes enhanced penalties for multiple noise violations by a licensee in a county with a population of 500,000 or more during a single calendar year