

DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL

The Department of Liquor Control has a staff of twelve employees.

The department is responsible for administering the state and county liquor laws and has the authority to adopt county liquor laws, grant or deny liquor licenses, educate licensees and enforce and adjudicate violations of liquor laws.

The agency is aided in its duties by two boards. The Liquor Commission, consisting of nine members, has the authority to grant or deny liquor license applications, enact county liquor laws and to hire and remove the director. The Liquor Control Adjudication board, consisting of five members, has the authority to hear cases on violations of liquor laws and to determine penalties.

The department is not a general fund agency and derives its revenues from fees assessed to the 353 liquor licensees in the county. The department's Fiscal Year 2000-01 budget was \$980,131.

In Fiscal Year 2000-01, the department received \$298,000 from the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and the State of Hawaii Office of Youth Services to administer a program known as Project PAU (Preventing Alcohol Use by Minors).

The two-year grant funds a multi-pronged task force to implement programs to reduce access to liquor by minors. The department serves as the coordinating agency. Participants include the Community Police Division of the Hawaii Police Department, the State Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement (DLNR), Project Coordinator Ernest Correia, State Department of Health, Department of Education, Emerald City Radio Partners, Family Court, Prosecutor's Office, Cancer Research Center of Hawaii and the Office of Youth Services.

HIGHLIGHTS/ACTIVITIES

Licensing Division

This division processes all applications for a liquor license, ensuring compliance with state and county liquor laws through investigation. It compiles a report to the Liquor Commission for its consideration and action. Activities listed below include activities of the Liquor Commission.

Reports		Application for Licenses	
Application Reports	53	Interviews	70
On Site Inspections	43	Applications Received	53
Special Reports	0	Approved	36
		Denied	2
		Pending	13
		Withdrawn	1

		Deferred	1
Other Applications		Permit Applications	
Renewal	354	Alcohol Purchase	2
Special Licenses	33	Alterations	15
Increase in Premises	6	Catering	149
Stock Transfer	14	Entertainment	211
Corporate Officers	23	Game Devices	91
Temporary Increase	11	Importation of Liquor	5
Decrease in Premises	1	Minor Entertainment	73
Management Agreement	1	Private Party	442
Transient Vessels		Product Tasting	47
(164 days in-port)	331	Solicitors	5
Extension of Hours – Denied	1	Teen Event	61
		Trade Shows	8
Manager's Examinations		Education Classes	
No. of Exams Conducted		No. of Classes Conducted	
(on-premises)	564	(on-premises)	52
No. of Exams Conducted		No. of Classes Conducted	
(off-premises)	525	(off-premises)	47
Transfer (on-premises)	167	Registration (Category 4)	24
Transfer (off-premises)	55	Checking ID Workshops	9
		No. of Licensees	187
		No. of Employees	425

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

The Liquor Commission adopts rules and regulations having the force and effect of law in the County. It grants, renews or refuses applications for liquor licenses and has the authority to hire or remove the director.

The Liquor Control Adjudication Board hears and determines all complaints of violations of the liquor laws and imposes punishment upon convictions as provided by law.

Members of the Liquor Commission

Donald Abdul – Chairman
Earl Eckart – Vice Chair
Raymond Carvalho
Charles Sakamoto
Sidney Lee
George Harai
Kelly Kurakazu

Members of the Adjudication Board

Ralph Black – Chairman
Janice Nakamura – Vice Chair
Jude Mattos
Tsuyoki Nakashima
Douglas L. Halsted

Liquor Commission Activities		Adjudication Board Activities	
Meetings	10	Meetings	6
Special Meeting	1	Complaint & Accusations	40
Public Hearings	0	Guilty	35
Rule Amendments/workshop	1	Fines	33
Workshop	1	Suspensions	1
Site Visitation	0	No Contest	1
		Not Guilty	2
		Pending	0
		Withdrawn	3

Enforcement Division

The function of this division is to conduct inspections of licensed premises to ensure compliance to liquor laws.

Activities		Minors	
Audio Surveillance	58	Compliance Checks Sale to Minors	0
Education – Licensees/on-site	120	Fraud ID	66
Education-Licensees/workshop	0	Investigations	0
Inspections of Premises (average per month)	1141	Others	
Final Inspections	14	Complaints & Accusations	40
Regulatory Inspections	7	Document Deliveries	32
Investigation – Commission	8	In-Service Training	6
Investigation – HCPD	19	Product Tasting	7
Investigations – Complaints (Department)	135	Subpoena Service	0
Selective Enforcement	8	Teen Night	62
Warning Citations	5	Trade Show	2
Citations	16		
Catering Checks	16		
Private Party Checks	27		
Special Liquor License Checks	6		