

DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL

ROLE AND DUTIES

The department is authorized to control, supervise and regulate the manufacture, importation, sale, service and consumption of intoxicating liquors and is responsible for administering the state and county liquor laws. It has the authority to adopt county liquor laws, to grant or deny liquor licenses, to educate licensees, to enforce liquor laws and to adjudicate violations of liquor laws.

These duties are accomplished by the department's administrative, enforcement and licensing divisions. The Department of Liquor Control has a staff of twelve employees and 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 FY01-02 budget was \$1,149,784.

HIGHLIGHTS / ACTIVITIES

Administration

- Developed wine reciprocal registration form and commenced with registering wine manufacturers in reciprocity states to allow shipment of wines to residents in Hawaii, in compliance with Act 58 effective July, 2001.
- Revised application procedures in accordance to Act 257, relating to the filing and verification of protests and notice to property owners.
- Revised guidelines to protest an application for a liquor license for distribution to the public on laws related to filing and classification of protests in accordance to Act 257.
- Developed and distributed signs for posting by licensees relating to operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant in accordance with Act 157.
- Hosted the state liquor investigator's workshop. Topics included interagency collaboration, sting operations, judicial viewpoint of stings, use of media as a deterrent to alcohol use by minors, security concerns of doormen/bouncers, and merchant education training program.
- Hosted the annual state liquor conference attended by liquor administrators, commissioners, adjudication board members, representatives from the liquor industry associations, licensees and legal counsel in Kamuela, Hawaii. Topics included the draft general plan of the Dept. of Hawaiian Homes, rave drugs, pending liquor legislation, enterprise zones, and impacts related to the increase in cruise lines operations in Hawaii. Conferees also participated in a "beer school" which included a hands-on demonstration of ingredients and its effect on the end product.

Licensing Division/Liquor Commission

The functions of this division are to process all applications related to a liquor license to ensure compliance to state and county liquor laws through investigation and to compile reports to the Liquor Commission for its consideration and action.

The Liquor Commission is authorized to adopt rules and regulations having the force and effect of law in the county, to grant, renew or refuse applications for liquor licenses and to hire and remove the director.

Members - Liquor Commission

Donald Abdul – Chair	Steve Morifuji - Vice Chair
Charles Sakamoto	Earl Eckart
Sidney Lee	George Harai
Greg Gauthier	Kelly Kurakazu

Licensing	2001-02 Actual
Liquor Commission meetings	12
Liquor Commission special meetings	3
Interviews for applications	127
Site Visitations	52
Applications (original, transfer, category, kind, location)	47
Renewal applications	341
Special one day licenses	39
Transient vessel (days in port)	349
Increase in Premises	29
Decrease in Premises	4
Changes to restaurant licensing, corporations, partnerships, LLC	8
Change in stocks	6
Catered functions	155
Manager examinations	782
Manager registrations	291
Reciprocal shipment registrations	70
Extension of Hours – Denial	1
Permits:	
Alcohol Purchase	3
Alteration	15
Game Device	97
Importation of Liquor	5
Minor Entertainment	117
Private Host	521
Solicitors	5
Teen Events	42
Trade Shows	4

Enforcement/Adjudication Board

The enforcement division conducts inspections, investigations and education to licensees to ensure compliance to liquor laws.

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

Members - Adjudication Board

Jude Mattos - Chair
Douglas L. Halsted - Vice-Chair
Janice Nakamura
Tsuyoki Nakashima
Jan Yokoyama

Enforcement	Actual 2001-02
Board meetings	4
Complaints and Accusation	36
Withdrawn	1
Not Guilty	0
Guilty	34
Warning	0
Fines	34
Suspension	0
Revocation	0
Pending	1
Withdrawal	1
Field inspections of licensed premises per month	1401
Investigations	52
Response to public complaints	12
Education to licensees	162
Random audio surveillance	93
In-service training	8
Warnings	38
Citations	36
Project PAU grant:	
Phase 1 Educational compliance checks	251
Phase 1 Compliance or Warning Notice to licensees	251
Phase 2 Educational compliance checks	198
Phase 2 Compliance or Warning Notice to licensees	198

Project PAU Grant: Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws, Year 1

The department serves as project manager for this grant from the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and the State of Hawaii Office of Youth Services. Project PAU (Preventing Alcohol Use by Minors) activities commenced in July, 2001. The two-year grant funds a multi-agency task force to implement programs to enforce underage drinking laws. Participants are:

Department of Liquor Control
 Community Police Division, Hawaii County Police Department
 Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement (DOCARE), DLNR
 Project Coordinator Ernest Correia
 State Department of Health
 Department of Education
 Emerald City Radio Partners
 Family Court
 Office of the Prosecutor
 Cancer Research Center of Hawaii
 State Department of Human Services, Office of Youth Services.

Activities	Participants/Projects
Merchant Education (9 classes)	425 employees from 182 licensed premises
Partial sponsorship: Summer Teen Surf Session	70 teen entrants
Dept. of Liquor: Educational stings	251 licensed premises
Labor Day Roadblock: Youth In Action, Hawaii County Police Dept; PAU Coordinator	800 persons contacted
Partial Sponsor: Hawaii High School Rodeo Association state finals	65 entrants
Holiday Roadblock: Youth in Action, Hawaii County Police Department; PAU Coordinator	985 persons contacted
Public Awareness events	KPUA radio, State liquor conference, state investigator's conference
Radio advertisements to promote awareness to prevent access to liquor to minors	225 radio spots
Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement Education	Mt. View Elementary 150 students
Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement Sweeps	10 sweeps 107 youth contacts
Hawaii County Police Dept. Community Police Sweeps	7 sweeps 235 youth contacts
Hawaii County Police Dept. Community Police Roadblock	9 roadblocks 24 youth contacts
Dept. of Liquor: Educational Stings	198 licensed premises
Partial sponsorship – Kealakehe Community Youth Council's Youth leadership forum	200 participants
Teen Dance – East Hawaii	100 participants
Stipends for high school Project Grad Drug and Alcohol free graduation night activities	St. Joseph, Honoka'a and Makua Lani

