

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOBS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to providing the Responsible Beverage Service Training Program (RBSTP) online and/or in person to businesses at each of the City's Business Source Centers.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Krekorian – O'Farrell):

INSTRUCT the Economic and Workforce Development Department, with assistance from the City Administrative Office (CAO), Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and other related economic development partners to report within 60 days on a plan for providing the RBSTP online and/or in person to businesses at each of the City's Business Source Centers across Los Angeles with said plan to include funding availability, sources of funding, and any additional information that should be considered to effectuate the intentions of this motion.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On August 23, 2022, your Committee considered a Motion (Krekorian – O'Farrell) relative to providing the RBSTP online and/or in person to businesses at each of the City's Business Source Centers. According to the Motion, in 2017, California State Assembly Bill 1221, or the Responsible Beverage Service (RBS) Training Program Act was passed. The bill requires an alcohol server to successfully complete an RBS training course offered or authorized by Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) around the effects of alcohol on the body, the consequences of over-serving, and basic laws regulating alcohol and intervention techniques for dealing with inebriated customers. The law goes into effect by August 31, 2022, and ABC will require that alcohol servers be properly certified by the deadline. Any alcohol servers hired after the law goes into effect will have 60 days to complete the certification.

According to an LA Times article, only about 33,000 alcohol servers are certified. In a city of 4 million people, this number of certified servers only accounts for a small portion of the hundreds of thousands of industry employees that would need to receive certification to serve alcohol in locations such as bars, restaurants, wineries, breweries, distilleries, brewpubs, event centers and stadiums. The lack of awareness of AB 1221, coupled with the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as confusion across private online certification programs, have led to many worried operators that their employees may not be certified before the required deadline. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendation contained in the Motion, as amended and detailed above. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Economic Development and Jobs Committee



COUNCILMEMBER	VOTE
PRICE:	YES
KREKORIAN:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
RAMAN:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES

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