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Aloha Mr. Sands.

This letter is in response to your inquiry regarding Hawaii statute or administrative rules that may compel a patron or customer to wear some form of footwear in a privately owned business.

For the Hawaii Department of Health (DOH), and after consulting with colleagues in the Environmental Health Services Division (Sanitation Branch, Food and Drug Branch), we can find nothing in Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) or DOH's Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) to this effect. So from a public health perspective, the answer is "no."

If you have any follow up, please feel free to contact me. Email is best at lorrin.kim@doh.hawaii.gov.

Best regards,

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