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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND  
TOURISM TO SPONSOR A MICHELIN GUIDE FOR RESTAURANTS ACROSS  
THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, the Michelin Guide for restaurants, with its  
2 star-based evaluations, has become a world standard; and  
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4 WHEREAS, since publishing its first American guide to New  
5 York City in 2005, Michelin has released guides for Atlanta,  
6 California, Colorado, Chicago, Florida, and Washington, D.C.;  
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9 WHEREAS, the State's culinary scene has been rapidly  
10 evolving, attracting multiple Michelin-starred chefs and  
11 restaurants and becoming a destination for foodies; and  
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13 WHEREAS, the Michelin Guide, however, does not send its  
14 inspectors to Hawaii; and  
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16 WHEREAS, a 2022 Visitor Industry Workforce Needs Assessment  
17 by the Hawaii Tourism Authority identified culinary staff as  
18 among the most in-demand and difficult-to-fill positions in  
19 Hawaii's workforce; and  
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21 WHEREAS, the award of one or more Michelin stars can offer  
22 a steady supply of diners, eager sous chefs, and endless  
23 publicity for a chef or restaurant, and having a Michelin star  
24 to strive for can increase restaurant standards; now, therefore,  
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
27 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
28 of 2025, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Business,  
29 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to sponsor a  
30 Michelin Guide for restaurants across the State; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the counties are requested to  
3 assist in the financing of the Michelin Guide; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of  
7 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and the Mayors of  
8 each county.

