
HOUSE RESOLUTION

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, that the Department of Business, Economic Development,
29 and Tourism is requested to sponsor a Michelin Guide for
30 restaurants across the State; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the counties are requested to
2 assist in the financing of the Michelin Guide; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Business, Economic
6 Development, and Tourism and the Mayors of each county.

