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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT
STATEWIDE GUIDELINES FOR EVALUATING THE CLEANLINESS AND
SANITATION OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS.

1 WHEREAS, establishments that regularly prepare, sell, or
2 offer for sale food for human consumption should be subject to
3 uniform guidelines for sanitation and cleanliness; and
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5 WHEREAS, in recent years, there have been a number of
6 instances of salmonella and E. coli bacteria tainting food in
7 restaurants, raising concern about the general sanitation and
8 cleanliness practices of food establishments; and
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10 WHEREAS, the mission of the Department of Health's Food
11 Protection Program is to ensure, through permitting and
12 inspection, that food and food services are continually
13 maintained in a safe condition in order to protect the health of
14 consumers; and
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16 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the Department of
17 Health may better serve consumers by establishing statewide
18 guidelines and a grading system to evaluate the cleanliness and
19 sanitation of food establishments; now, therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the
23 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
24 Health is requested to establish and implement, consistent with
25 any administrative rules established pursuant to section
26 321-11(18), Hawaii Revised Statutes, statewide guidelines of
27 cleanliness and sanitation for food establishments; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in establishing these
30 guidelines, the Department of Health is requested to include a
31 grading system as a relative index of cleanliness and sanitation
32 that reflects a food establishment's compliance with all



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1 applicable federal, state, and local laws, orders, ordinances,
2 quarantines, rules, regulations, or directives relating to
3 public health; and

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as part of the implementation
6 of these guidelines, the Department of Health is requested to
7 assign each food establishment inspected, a grade that reflects
8 the level of cleanliness and sanitation as measured against the
9 Department's grading system; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health submit
12 a report no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the
13 Regular Session of 2008 on the actions taken pursuant to this
14 measure; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health.

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20 OFFERED BY:

