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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RESTAURANTS.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
- 3 and to read as follows:
- Restaurant cleanliness; inspection and grading. 4 "§321-
- 5 (a) The department of health shall conduct periodic unannounced
- 6 sanitation and cleanliness inspections of all restaurants or
- 7 food establishments where food is regularly prepared, sold, or
- offered for sale for human consumption in the State. 8
- 9 The department of health shall establish guidelines,
- 10 consistent with rules adopted pursuant to section 321-11(18),
- for evaluating the cleanliness and sanitation of restaurants 11
- 12 under subsection (a). The quidelines shall include a grading
- system as a relative index of cleanliness and sanitation and 13
- shall reflect the restaurant's degree of compliance with all 14
- applicable federal, state, and county laws, orders, ordinances, 15
- 16 quarantines, rules, regulations, or directives relating to the
- 17 public health.



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- Following the inspection of each restaurant or food 1 (c) 2 establishment, the department of health shall assign each 3 restaurant or food establishment a grade that reflects the level of cleanliness and sanitation as measured against the 4 department's grading system. The grade shall remain valid until 5 the department completes the next inspection of the restaurant 6 7 or food establishment. (d) Each restaurant or food establishment shall post its 8 9 grade, on a form prescribed by the department, in a location 10 clearly visible to the general public and to patrons. The 11 restaurant or food establishment shall continue to post its 12 grade until a new grade is issued by the department. The department of health may adopt rules in accordance 13 14 with chapter 91 to effectuate the purposes of this section." SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general 15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ 16 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for 17 18 the department of health to establish a cleanliness statewide 19 grading system of restaurants. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of 20
- 22 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

health for the purposes of this Act.

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1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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INTRODUCED BY:

### Report Title:

Restaurants; Cleanliness Grading System

### Description:

Establishes a statewide cleanliness grading system for food establishments and requires establishments to visibly post their grade for patrons.