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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING HOTELS AND RESORTS IN THE STATE TO IMMEDIATELY REHIRE  
OR RECALL EMPLOYEES WHO WERE LAID OFF OR PLACED ON LEAVE AS  
A CONSEQUENCE OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

1 WHEREAS, in March 2020, many of Hawaii's hotels and resorts  
2 temporarily closed as a consequence of the coronavirus disease  
3 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic; and  
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5 WHEREAS, due to the closures, thousands of hotel and resort  
6 employees were laid off or placed on temporary leave; and  
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8 WHEREAS, while many hotel and resort workers obtained  
9 unemployment benefits to make ends meet, most workers were eager  
10 to return to work; and  
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12 WHEREAS, even after hotels and resorts reopened, many  
13 workers were not rehired or scheduled to work; and  
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15 WHEREAS, due to this preventable shortage of staff, many  
16 employees are overworked, and the quality of many standard hotel  
17 services, including basic cleaning, has declined dramatically;  
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20 WHEREAS, UNITE HERE! Local 5, which represents thousands of  
21 hotel and resort employees, has fought to return employees back  
22 to work; now, therefore,  
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
25 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
26 of 2022, that hotels and resorts in the State are requested to  
27 immediately rehire or recall employees who were laid off or  
28 placed on leave due to COVID-19; and  
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
31 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Hawaii Lodging  
32 and Tourism Association, who is requested to distribute copies

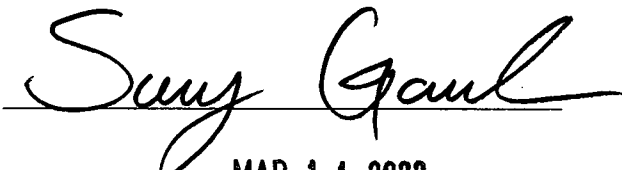


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1 of this measure to the association's members; and President of  
2 UNITE HERE! Local 5.

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