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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE FOOD SERVICE INDUSTRY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State is
2 committed to upholding the dignity and well-being of its
3 workforce, recognizing that fair and just labor practices are
4 essential to the health, safety, and economic security of its
5 workers. In turn, food service workers form a cornerstone of
6 the State's economy, contributing to its vibrant hospitality and
7 culinary industries while often working in physically demanding
8 and high-stress environments.

9 The legislature further finds that the State currently
10 lacks basic labor laws requiring employers to provide meal
11 breaks for employees, leading to widespread reports of food
12 service workers being denied sufficient time to rest, eat, and
13 recharge during long shifts, creating unsustainable working
14 conditions.

15 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require
16 employers in the food service industry to provide a thirty-
17 minute unpaid break for consumption of a meal for all employees



1 working five or more consecutive hours, ensuring that workers
2 have access to proper nourishment and rest during their shifts.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 387, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
5 and to read as follows:

6 "§387- Food service employees; unpaid rest periods. All
7 employers in the food service industry shall allow their
8 employees an unpaid rest period of at least thirty consecutive
9 minutes for each five consecutive hours of working time."

10 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____



S.B. NO. 1034

Report Title:

Food Service Industry; Food Service Employees; Work Hours;
Unpaid Rest Periods

Description:

Requires employers in the food service industry to allow their employees an unpaid rest period of 30 consecutive minutes for each five consecutive hours of working time. Effective 1/1/2026.

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