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## SENATE 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 Senate of the Thirty-third  
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026,  
28 that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and  
29 Tourism is requested to sponsor a Michelin Guide for restaurants  
30 across the State; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Business, Economic  
3 Development, and Tourism.  
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OFFERED BY: 

