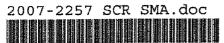
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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, establishments that regularly prepare, sell, or 1 offer for sale food for human consumption should be subject to 2 uniform quidelines for sanitation and cleanliness; and 3 4 WHEREAS, in recent years, there have been a number of 5 instances of salmonella and E. coli bacteria tainting food in 6 restaurants, raising concern about the general sanitation and 7 cleanliness practices of food establishments; and 8 9 WHEREAS, the mission of the Department of Health's Food 10 Protection Program is to ensure, through permitting and 11 inspection, that food and food services are continually 12 maintained in a safe condition in order to protect the health of 13 consumers; and 14 15 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the Department of 16 Health may better serve consumers by establishing statewide 17 guidelines and a grading system to evaluate the cleanliness and 18 sanitation of food establishments; now, therefore, 19 20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth 21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the 22 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of 23 Health is requested to establish and implement, consistent with 24 any administrative rules established pursuant to section 25 321-11(18), Hawaii Revised Statutes, statewide guidelines of 26 cleanliness and sanitation for food establishments; and 27 28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in establishing these 29 guidelines, the Department of Health is requested to include a 30 grading system as a relative index of cleanliness and sanitation 31 that reflects a food establishment's compliance with all 32



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applicable federal, state, and local laws, orders, ordinances, 1 guarantines, rules, regulations, or directives relating to 2 3 public health; and 4 5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as part of the implementation of these guidelines, the Department of Health is requested to 6 7 assign each food establishment inspected, a grade that reflects the level of cleanliness and sanitation as measured against the 8 Department's grading system; and 9 10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health submit 11 a report no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 12 13 Regular Session of 2008 on the actions taken pursuant to this measure; and 14 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this 16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health. 17 18 19 20 OFFERED BY:

