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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that protecting the  
2 health of the State's residents is an important task. To this  
3 end, state law authorizes the department of health to inspect  
4 various establishments including restaurants that are frequented  
5 by members of the public for cleanliness and compliance with  
6 health codes.

7           However, the results of these health inspections are not  
8 available to the public online. The legislature further finds  
9 that, as a matter of public policy and in order to protect the  
10 public's health, it is a fundamental responsibility of the State  
11 to allow easy public access to these restaurant inspection  
12 reports. The straightforward way to implement public access is  
13 to make such reports available online.

14           The purpose of this Act is to require the department of  
15 health to provide reports of restaurant inspections online for  
16 easy public access and to appropriate funds to the department to  
17 enable it to begin providing these reports by July 1, 2009.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§321- Health inspection reports; restaurants; online  
5 access. Pursuant to the department's power to establish health  
6 rules under section 321-11(18) relating to restaurants, stands,  
7 shops, stores, wagons, vehicles, or other places where food is  
8 processed, prepared, stored, distributed, sold, offered for  
9 sale, or offered for human consumption or use, no later than  
10 July 1, 2009, the department shall make available to the general  
11 public online access to the department's health inspection  
12 reports of these premises."

13 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the  
16 department of health to provide, no later than July 1, 2009,  
17 restaurant health inspections reports online for easy public  
18 access.

19 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
20 health for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon approval except  
2 that section 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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**Report Title:**

Restaurants; Health Inspection Results; Online Access

**Description:**

Requires department of health to provide reports of restaurant health inspections online for easy public access by 7/1/2009. Appropriates \$            for FY 2008-2009.

