
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO EXEMPT THE PREPARATION OF
FOOD FOR CHARITABLE NONCOMMERCIAL PURPOSES FROM CERTAIN
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOOD SAFETY REGULATIONS, PROVIDED THAT
CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE MET.

1 WHEREAS, food and public safety are of the utmost
2 importance to the people of Hawaii as well as the equitable,
3 just, and efficient distribution of food to those people who are
4 in the greatest need; and

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6 WHEREAS, the cost of living in Hawaii is rated among the
7 highest in the nation, including the average cost of rent,
8 electricity, and food; and

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10 WHEREAS, noble efforts to provide prepared food to those in
11 need are often stifled due to the cost of complying with food
12 safety regulations; and

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14 WHEREAS, the shared values of the people of Hawaii are
15 deeply rooted in community and assistance for the common good,
16 and thus regulations governing charitable activities should be
17 structured to encourage people's desire to pursue charitable
18 purposes; and

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20 WHEREAS, the preparation of food for charitable
21 noncommercial purposes is different from the preparation of food
22 for commercial purposes and therefore should be regulated
23 differently; now, therefore,

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
27 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
28 Health is requested to exempt the preparation of food for
29 charitable noncommercial purposes from certain Department of



1 Health food safety regulations, provided that certain conditions
2 are met; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in exempting the preparation of
5 food for charitable noncommercial purposes, the Department of
6 Health is requested to specifically define what may be
7 considered a "charitable purpose" and a "noncommercial purpose";
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
11 requested to consider the specific conditions that must be met
12 in order for the preparation of food for charitable
13 noncommercial purposes to be exempted from Department of Health
14 food safety regulations, including:

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16 (1) Whether the person or entity is preparing and serving
17 food for bona fide charitable purposes;
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19 (2) Whether the person or entity is preparing and serving
20 food for noncommercial purposes; and
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22 (3) Whether all persons with direct contact with food in
23 the raw or prepared state have had no less than two
24 hours of food safety and handling training, provided
25 by the Department of Health Sanitation Branch; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
28 requested to identify the food safety regulations that will not
29 apply to the preparation of food for charitable noncommercial
30 purposes; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health.
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OFFERED BY: Mele Carneel

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