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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO WORK WITH THE HAWAII  
RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION TO ESTABLISH INDUSTRY STANDARDS TO  
ADDRESS CERTAIN UNSANITARY FOOD HANDLING CONDITIONS IN FOOD  
ESTABLISHMENTS AND ADOPT RULES.

1           WHEREAS, pursuant to section 321-11, Hawaii Revised  
2 Statutes, the Department of Health is authorized to adopt rules  
3 it deems necessary for the public health and safety for  
4 establishments where food for human consumption is prepared and  
5 offered for sale; and

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7           WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that improper handling of  
8 food at eateries and other food service establishments gives  
9 rise to public health concerns; and

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11           WHEREAS, the cross contamination of food by employees who  
12 handle food and do not observe proper food safety procedures is  
13 a public health issue; and

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15           WHEREAS, employees at eateries who serve food may also be  
16 asked to perform tasks such as cleaning tables or facilities, or  
17 handling financial transactions; and

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19           WHEREAS, concerned citizens have observed these employees  
20 perform cleaning duties, serve food, and perform financial  
21 transactions without wearing gloves or washing their hands  
22 between such tasks; and

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24           WHEREAS, a failure to wear gloves or wash one's hands  
25 between serving food and performing financial transactions, or  
26 cleaning tables or facilities, may cause the food to become  
27 cross-contaminated; now, therefore,



# H.C.R. NO. 23

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
2 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
3 2019, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Health and  
4 the Hawaii Restaurant Association are urged to work together to  
5 develop rules or industry standards for Hawaii to ensure all  
6 proper safety measures are taken in situations where employees  
7 are tasked with performing food service and non-food service  
8 duties as part of their regular job performance and for adoption  
9 of such rules by the Department of Health; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Department of Health  
13 and the Executive Director of the Hawaii Restaurant Association.  
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