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# SENATE RESOLUTION

CONVENING A RESTAURANT REOPENING TASK FORCE TO ASSIST IN THE  
SAFE REOPENING OF RESTAURANTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE THAT  
WERE CLOSED DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

1           WHEREAS, the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic  
2 created an unprecedented public health crisis that has caused  
3 significant physical, mental, emotional, and economic harm to  
4 the State and its residents; and

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6           WHEREAS, restaurants are an important part of the State's  
7 economy and employed nearly eighty-five thousand individuals in  
8 2019; and

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10           WHEREAS, restaurant and other food service employees  
11 continue to provide crucial services to the people of Hawaii and  
12 deserve protection against COVID-19; and

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14           WHEREAS, restaurant customers also require protection from  
15 COVID-19 while patronizing Hawaii's restaurants; and

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17           WHEREAS, in response to COVID-19, the United States Food  
18 and Drug Administration and National Restaurant Association have  
19 developed recommended best practices and safety guidelines for  
20 restaurants; and

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22           WHEREAS, owners preparing to reopen restaurants may require  
23 additional guidance on adopting and implementing these  
24 recommended best practices and safety guidelines; now,  
25 therefore,

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27           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
28 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that a  
29 Restaurant Reopening Task Force be convened to assist in the  
30 safe reopening of restaurants throughout the State that were  
31 closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Resolution be transmitted to Hawaii Food Industry Association  
3 and Hawaii Restaurant Association.

