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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE SECONDARY-  
LEVEL STUDENTS WITH LUNCH IF THEY ARE UNABLE TO PAY, AND  
OBTAIN REIMBURSEMENT FROM THEIR PARENTS.

1 WHEREAS, nutrition is essential for students; it provides  
2 the necessary energy that students need to master a school day;  
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5 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that nutrition-based  
6 energy is essential for all students to learn; and  
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8 WHEREAS, the Department of Education has a policy that  
9 every public school shall provide food services to students with  
10 emphasis on foods that contribute to meeting a student's  
11 nutritional needs at a minimum charge; and  
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13 WHEREAS, it is the current practice of the Department of  
14 Education at elementary schools to provide regular breakfast and  
15 lunch meals to students who would like a meal, are not eligible  
16 for a free meal, and do not have money for the meal at the time  
17 that the meal is served; and  
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19 WHEREAS, the public elementary school advances the cost for  
20 the food for a student from its petty cash account and calls a  
21 parent of the student, or sends a note, advising the parent of  
22 the loan for any meal and requesting reimbursement not later  
23 than the following school day; and  
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25 WHEREAS, public schools at the secondary level do not  
26 appear to have adopted this policy; and  
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28 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that it is in the best  
29 interest of students that the public schools provide each  
30 student with a nutritional meal, if necessary; now, therefore,  
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
2 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
3 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
4 Education is requested to extend to secondary schools, its  
5 policy of providing prepaid meals to students and to obtain  
6 reimbursement from the parents of those students; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the  
10 Chairperson of the Board of Education, and the Superintendent of  
11 Education.  
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