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SENATE RESOLUTION

RESTRICTING THE SERVICE OF PRODUCTS CONTAINING ARTIFICIAL TRANS
FATS AT ALL FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS.

1 WHEREAS, among the goals of the Department of Health are to
2 prevent disease, and promote healthy lifestyles, health, and
3 well-being; and
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5 WHEREAS, dietary trans fat increases the risk of heart
6 disease; and
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8 WHEREAS, most dietary trans fat is found in partially
9 hydrogenated vegetable oil; and
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11 WHEREAS, there are currently available heart healthy
12 alternatives to dietary trans fat, such as non-hydrogenated mono
13 and poly unsaturated vegetable oils, and other, newly developed
14 oils; and
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16 WHEREAS, when trans fat is replaced with currently
17 available heart healthy alternatives, scientific studies have
18 shown a decrease in coronary heart disease events such as heart
19 attacks by at least six per cent; and
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21 WHEREAS, national surveys show that Americans spend almost
22 half of their food dollars eating out; and
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24 WHEREAS, an estimated one third of dietary trans fat comes
25 from foods purchased in restaurants; and
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27 WHEREAS, artificial trans fat can be replaced with
28 currently available heart healthy alternatives without consumers
29 noticing an effect; and
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31 WHEREAS, the continued presence of artificial trans-fat in
32 restaurant foods needlessly increases the risk of heart disease
33 for our States' residents; now, therefore,
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35 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
36 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007,



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1 that the Department of Health is requested to undertake a study
 2 to determine the feasibility and steps necessary to restrict the
 3 use of trans fats in all foods sold at food service
 4 establishments and mobile food service establishments operating
 5 in the State; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study is requested to
 8 include the determination of relevant definitions, necessary
 9 labeling requirements, reasonable exceptions, appropriate
 10 penalties for violations, and suggested legislation; and

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 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health is
 13 requested to report to the Legislature with the results of the
 14 study set forth in this Resolution no later than twenty days
 15 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and

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 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
 18 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health.
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