
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO EXPAND IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE OFFER VERSUS SERVE CONCEPT TO ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN
THE STATE TO FURTHER REDUCE FOOD AND MILK WASTE.

1 WHEREAS, 42 United States Code 1758 requires that schools
2 participating in the National School Lunch Program offer
3 students fluid milk in a variety of fat contents with their
4 school lunches; and
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6 WHEREAS, some of the milk that is distributed with school
7 lunches in Hawaii's public schools is not consumed and is thrown
8 away instead, wasting valuable state funds and opportunities for
9 students to consume nutritious beverages with their lunches; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Department of Education has taken steps to
12 reduce food and milk waste by implementing the United States
13 Department of Agriculture's Offer versus Serve (OVS) concept for
14 menu planning and determination of reimbursable school meals in
15 certain schools in the State; and
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17 WHEREAS, the goals of the OVS concept are to reduce food
18 waste in school meal programs and to permit students choices to
19 select their preferred foods; and
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21 WHEREAS, through implementation of the OVS concept, some
22 public schools offer students the option of choosing a minimum
23 of three out of five required meal components; and
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25 WHEREAS, although implementation of the OVS concept is
26 mandatory only for senior high schools participating in the
27 National School Lunch Program, pursuant to Public Law 94-105,
28 the Department of Education issued a memorandum during the
29 2008-2009 school year prompting all middle and elementary
30 schools to also implement the OVS concept; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the continued
2 implementation and expansion of the OVS concept to all public
3 schools in the State would reduce the waste of resources at a
4 time of critical shortage and also ensure that students are
5 offered nutritious lunches; now, therefore,

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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the
9 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
10 Education is encouraged to continue implementation of the OVS
11 concept and expand implementation of the OVS concept to all
12 public schools in the State to further reduce food and milk
13 waste; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
16 requested to report to the Legislature the status of expanding
17 implementation of the OVS concept to all public schools no later
18 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
19 of 2011; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of
23 Education, Chairperson of the Board of Education, the Director
24 of Health, and the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture.

