
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING STATE PUBLIC ENTITIES TO COMMIT TO HEALTHIER AND MORE NUTRITIOUS MEALS IN THEIR PROGRAMS BY SPENDING TEN PER CENT OF THEIR FOOD DOLLARS FOR LOCALLY-PRODUCED PRODUCE OR OTHER HAWAII AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is heavily dependent on imported food to
2 feed its residents, with an estimated eighty-five to ninety
3 percent of the food consumed in the state imported; and
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5 WHEREAS, Hawaii residents spend an estimated \$3,700,000,000
6 annually on food, and if some of the dollars spent on imported
7 food were invested in locally produced food, it would yield
8 multiple benefits to Hawaii's economy; and
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10 WHEREAS, a recent publication by the University of Hawaii
11 College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources and the
12 State Department of Agriculture evaluates the economic
13 multiplier effects of increasing food self-sufficiency in
14 Hawaii's economy; and
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16 WHEREAS, assuming that eighty-five per cent of the food
17 consumed in Hawaii is imported, \$3,100,000,000 is leaving the
18 State to support agribusinesses elsewhere, and replacing just
19 ten per cent of these imported foods - assuming appropriate
20 resources and infrastructures are available for such an
21 expansion - would amount to some \$313,000,000, or \$94,000,000 at
22 the farm gate, given a thirty per cent farm share; and
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24 WHEREAS, taking into account the multiplier effects, this
25 \$94,000,000 would generate an estimated economy-wide impact of
26 \$188,000,000 in sales, \$47,000,000 in earnings, \$6,000,000 in
27 state tax revenues and more than 2,300 jobs; and
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29 WHEREAS, other non-monetary benefits include better
30 environmental stewardship, reduced risk of invasive species, and
31 land preservation; now, therefore,




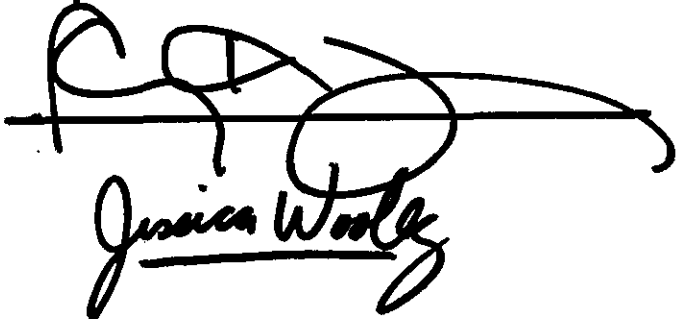
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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the University of Hawaii, Department of Education, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and other state public entities are requested to commit to healthier and more nutritious meals in their programs by spending ten per cent of their food dollars for locally-produced produce or other Hawaii agricultural products; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these agencies report to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the Regular Session of 2011 on the status of their respective purchases and use of locally-produced produce or other Hawaii agricultural products and any recommendations for improvements in meeting this goal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, President of the University of Hawaii, Superintendent of Education, and President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

OFFERED BY:

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