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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING INCREASING FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR SCHOOL  
MEALS.

1           WHEREAS, millions of children every day eat lunch, and  
2 sometimes breakfast, at school, yet currently the United States  
3 Department of Agriculture invests only \$2.68 on average per day  
4 for each eligible student's school lunch; and

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6           WHEREAS, this is not enough money to ensure our children  
7 are being fed high quality, healthy meals; and

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9           WHEREAS, thirty per cent of America's children are  
10 overweight and providing these children with cheap, unhealthy  
11 food only contributes to the problem; and

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13           WHEREAS, many children are growing up without the skills  
14 they need to choose healthy foods; and

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16           WHEREAS, projections indicate that for children born after  
17 2000, one out of every three Caucasians and one out of every two  
18 Blacks and Hispanics may develop diabetes in their lifetime,  
19 many before they graduate from high school; and

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21           WHEREAS, this year, the United States Congress has an  
22 opportunity to transform the way American children eat when it  
23 reauthorizes federal child nutrition programs; now, therefore,

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25           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the  
27 House of Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii State  
28 Legislature supports increasing federal reimbursement rates for  
29 school meals by one dollar per day per child to improve the  
30 nutritional quality of school meals; and

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32           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii State Legislature  
33 supports implementation of the proposed Institute of Medicine



# S.C.R. NO. 148

1 School Food Guidelines to ensure that increased funding is  
2 equated to healthier food; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Hawaii's Congressional  
6 Delegation.

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