
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER LEASING OR RENTING PUBLIC SCHOOL CAFETERIAS TO VALUE-ADDED FOOD PROCESSORS TO PROMOTE THE USE OF LOCALLY-GROWN FRESH PRODUCE IN SCHOOL MEALS.

1 WHEREAS, nationwide, school-aged children suffer from the
2 effects of being overweight and obese at unparalleled rates; and
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4 WHEREAS, the National Survey of Children's Health for
5 Hawaii reports that seventeen and three-tenths per cent of
6 public school children are overweight, and eleven and two-tenths
7 per cent are obese; and
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9 WHEREAS, nearly eighty-four per cent of school-aged
10 children in Hawaii eat more than the daily recommended amount of
11 fat; and
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13 WHEREAS, nearly thirty per cent of school-aged children in
14 Hawaii eat less than one serving of vegetables a day and nearly
15 fifty per cent of school-aged children eat less than one serving
16 a fruit a day; and
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18 WHEREAS, most public school cafeterias are used for only a
19 limited amount of time during the school day and on the weekend;
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22 WHEREAS, the Legislature, agricultural community, parents,
23 and other interested parties have looked at methods to increase
24 the amount and variety of locally-grown fresh produce in our
25 public schools through farm-to-school programs and focused
26 procurement policy; and
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28 WHEREAS, leasing or renting cafeteria space to value-added
29 processors to incorporate locally-grown produce into the school



1 meals program could have a beneficial effect on student health
2 and Hawaii's agriculture industry; and
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4 WHEREAS, income from leasing or renting public school
5 cafeterias could be invested in school infrastructure or
6 healthier school lunches; now, therefore,
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
9 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the
10 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
11 Education is requested to convene a Public School Cafeteria
12 Leasing Program Working Group to consider the feasibility of
13 leasing or renting public school cafeteria facilities to value-
14 added food processors to promote the use of locally-grown fresh
15 produce in the school meals program; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
18 requested to include in the Public School Cafeteria Leasing
19 Program Working Group representatives from the Department of
20 Education, Department of Health, Department of Agriculture,
21 Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii,
22 United States Small Business Administration Hawaii District
23 Office, University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and
24 Human Resources, and Kokua Hawaii Foundation; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public School Cafeteria
27 Leasing Program Working Group is requested to consider issues
28 including but not limited to the following:
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- 30 (1) Whether there are any statutes or rules that prevent
31 the lease or rental of public school cafeteria
32 facilities for use by value-added food processors;
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- 34 (2) The types of value-added food processors that should
35 be allowed to lease or rent public school cafeteria
36 facilities for the express purpose of integrating
37 fresh, locally-grown produce in the school meals
38 program;
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- 40 (3) What kinds of value-added produce can be incorporated
41 into school meals and how they would be used;
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- 43 (4) The safety and health concerns, liabilities, and other
44 issues that need to be addressed regarding the lease



1 or rental of public school cafeteria facilities to
2 value-added food processors; and
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4 (5) How protocol or standard agreements could be developed
5 to allow individual schools to elect to lease or rent
6 their cafeteria facilities to value-added food
7 processors; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
10 requested to report to the Legislature no later than twenty days
11 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2011, on its
12 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
13 legislation, regarding the establishment of a public school
14 cafeteria leasing program; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of
18 Education, the Director of Health, the Chairperson of the Board
19 of Agriculture, the Executive Director of the Hawaii Farm Bureau
20 Federation, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the
21 Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, the District Director of the
22 United States Small Business Administration Hawaii District
23 Office, the Dean of the University of Hawaii College of Tropical
24 Agriculture and Human Resources, and the Executive Director of
25 the Kokua Hawaii Foundation.
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