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SENATE 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,
27 that the Hawaii State Legislature supports increasing federal
28 reimbursement rates for school meals by one dollar per day per
29 child to improve the nutritional quality of school meals; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii State Legislature
32 supports implementation of the proposed Institute of Medicine
33 School Food Guidelines to ensure that increased funding is
34 equated to healthier food; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to Hawaii's Congressional Delegation.
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