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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ADOPT
NUTRITIONAL GUIDELINES TO IMPROVE THE NUTRITIONAL QUALITY
OF ALL SCHOOL MEALS.

1 WHEREAS, ensuring that the foods provided to children in
2 schools are consistent with current dietary recommendations is
3 an important national focus; and
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5 WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the
6 School Breakfast Program (SBP) hold the potential to provide
7 nearly all the nation's schoolchildren with access to
8 nutritious, low-cost meals to support their growth, development,
9 and health; and
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11 WHEREAS, the NSLP alone is available in ninety-nine per
12 cent of U.S. public schools and in eighty-three per cent of all
13 private and public schools and in fiscal year 2007, the
14 participating schools served about 5.1 billion lunches at a
15 federal cost of approximately \$8.7 billion; and
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17 WHEREAS, in School Meals: Building Blocks for Healthy
18 Children, the Institute of Medicine provides recommendations to
19 revise the nutrition- and food-related standards and
20 requirements for the NSLP and the SBP; and
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22 WHEREAS, the goal of the Institute of Medicine is the
23 development of a set of well-conceived, practical, and
24 economical recommendations for standards that reflect current
25 nutritional science, increase the availability of key food
26 groups as appropriate, and allow these two meal programs to
27 better meet the nutritional needs of children, foster healthy
28 eating habits, and safeguard children's health; and
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30 WHEREAS, Team Nutrition is an initiative of the United
31 States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service to
32 support the Child Nutrition Programs through training and
33 technical assistance for foodservice, nutrition education for
34 children and their caregivers, and school and community support
35 for healthy eating and physical activity; and



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WHEREAS, the goal of Team Nutrition is to improve children's lifelong eating and physical activity habits; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, that the Hawaii Congressional Delegation is requested to urge the United States Department of Agriculture to adopt the Institute of Medicine nutritional guidelines and to accelerate the Nutrition Education and Training Program and Team Nutrition initiative to improve the nutritional quality of all school meals; and

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

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