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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP NUTRITION GUIDELINES FOR  
STATE AGENCIES.

1 WHEREAS, obesity is a major health and economic concern for  
2 Hawaii and the nation, causing higher medical costs and lower  
3 quality of life; and  
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5 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, adult obesity more than doubled between  
6 1995 and 2009, and childhood obesity increased by 38 percent  
7 from 1999 to 2009; and  
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9 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, one in three children entering  
10 kindergarten is overweight or obese, and one in two adults is  
11 overweight or obese; and  
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13 WHEREAS, obesity-related medical expenditures in the State,  
14 calculated to be over \$470,000,000 in 2009, continue to rise;  
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17 WHEREAS, obesity is a complex and multifaceted issue that  
18 requires the collaboration of stakeholders in government and the  
19 non-profit, private, and health care sectors to create  
20 systematic large-scale environmental changes; and  
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22 WHEREAS, the availability and prominence of healthy food  
23 and beverage options is critical to reducing obesity and  
24 increasing the ability of individuals to achieve and maintain a  
25 healthy weight; and  
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27 WHEREAS, the food choices made by administrators of state-  
28 run facilities and functions affect the food and beverage  
29 choices of employees, clients, residents, and the public; and  
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31 WHEREAS, the State encourages the use of nutrition  
32 guidelines for all food sold or provided on state-run property



1 or purchased by state agencies for their functions, and food  
2 made available at state agencies in vending machines or through  
3 on-site vendors; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the development and adoption of nutrition  
6 guidelines for state facilities and functions would:  
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- 8 (1) Make state government the model of a healthy food and  
9 beverage environment;  
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11 (2) Support local and small business producers and  
12 distributors of healthy foods in Hawaii;  
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14 (3) Improve the nutritional quality of foods served,  
15 especially to the State's most vulnerable populations;  
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17 (4) Improve health risk reduction objectives for  
18 government employees by decreasing the promotion of  
19 unhealthy foods served; and  
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21 (5) Create work environments that support a healthy and  
22 productive workforce, which is important to Hawaii's  
23 economy;  
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25 now, therefore,  
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
28 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
29 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
30 Health is requested to establish the State Nutrition Guidelines  
31 Working Group to:  
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- 33 (1) Draft nutrition guidelines for state agencies;  
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35 (2) Create a toolkit for implementing the nutrition  
36 guidelines; and  
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38 (3) Develop recommendations for implementing the nutrition  
39 guidelines in all state agencies; and  
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health is  
42 requested to appoint no more than 20 members to the State  
43 Nutrition Guidelines Working Group, comprising members with  
44 extensive knowledge, expertise, or experience in obesity



1 prevention, nutrition, procurement, nutrition guidelines,  
2 vending, and related areas, as well as demonstrated interest and  
3 background beneficial to the function of the Working Group; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
6 requested to assist the State Nutrition Guidelines Working Group  
7 by providing a facilitator; and  
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Nutrition Guidelines  
10 Working Group is requested to submit a report of its findings  
11 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
12 Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the  
13 Regular Session of 2015; and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the State  
16 Nutrition Guidelines Working Group serve without compensation  
17 and receive no reimbursement for expenses; and  
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Nutrition Guidelines  
20 Working Group cease to exist on December 31, 2014; and  
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director  
24 of Health, Director of Human Services, Administrator of the  
25 State Procurement Office, and Chairperson of the State  
26 Procurement Policy Board.  
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