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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE FORMATION OF A WORK GROUP TO DEVELOP NUTRITION  
GUIDELINES FOR GOVERNMENT 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 has more than doubled  
6 between 1995 and 2009 and childhood obesity increased by 38  
7 percent from 1999 and 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 Hawaii  
14 were calculated to be over \$470,000,000 in 2009, and are  
15 continuing to rise; and  
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17           WHEREAS, obesity is a complex and multifaceted issue  
18 requiring the collaboration of stakeholders in government, non-  
19 profit, private, and health care sectors to create systematic  
20 large-scale environmental changes; and  
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22           WHEREAS, healthy eating is a critical component of reducing  
23 obesity, and the availability and prominence of healthy foods  
24 and beverages options increases the ability for people to  
25 achieve and maintain a healthy weight; and  
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27           WHEREAS, state-run locations and functions impact the food  
28 and beverage choices of employees, clients, residents, and the  
29 public; and  
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31           WHEREAS, the development and adoption of nutrition  
32 guidelines would: (1) make state government the model for



1 healthy food and beverage environment; (2) support local and  
 2 small business producers and distributors of healthier foods in  
 3 Hawaii; (3) improve the nutritional quality of foods served,  
 4 especially to our most vulnerable populations; (4) improve  
 5 health risk objectives for government employees by decreasing  
 6 the promotion of unhealthy foods served in government-run  
 7 facilities and functions; and (5) create work environments that  
 8 support a healthy and productive workforce that is important to  
 9 Hawaii's economy; now, therefore,

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 11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh  
 12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the  
 13 House of Representatives concurring, that the State create and  
 14 encourage the use of nutrition guidelines for all food sold or  
 15 provided on government-run property, purchased by government  
 16 agencies for their guests at meetings, and made available to  
 17 employees of all agencies in vending machines or through on-site  
 18 vendors; and

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 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
 21 requested to establish the State Nutrition Guidelines Work Group  
 22 to:

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- 24 (1) Draft model food guidelines for all state agencies;
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- 26 (2) Create a toolkit for implementing the nutrition
- 27 guidelines; and
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- 29 (3) Develop recommendations for implementation of the
- 30 guidelines in all state agencies; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health appoint  
 33 up to twenty work group members having demonstrated interest in  
 34 and having backgrounds beneficial to assisting the function of  
 35 the work group, including members having extensive knowledge,  
 36 expertise, or experience in such areas as obesity prevention,  
 37 nutrition, procurement, nutrition guidelines, vending, and  
 38 related areas; and

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 40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the work group is requested to  
 41 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including  
 42 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than  
 43 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
 44 2015; and

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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the work group  
3 serve without compensation and receive no reimbursement for  
4 expenses; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
7 requested to assist the work group by providing a facilitator;  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the work group cease to exist  
11 on December 31, 2014; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director  
15 of Health, Director of Human Services, State Procurement Office,  
16 and State Procurement Board.

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