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**SB609**

Submitted on: 2/8/2013

Testimony for EDU/HTH on Feb 8, 2013 13:15PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
charlene madio	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I really strongly believe to have All the school to serve or have the option to serve a vegetarian diet at least 1-2 days of the school week, so that our children can have the interest and to want to eat their vegetables to better their health & diet.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patrick J. Moore	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This Bill is a small step in the right direction. Please support it for the sake of our Keiki. What would Terry Shintani, M.D. say? He would support this legislative action. Imua! A hui hou...

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jenny Lee	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Thank you for hearing this bill. I am in strong support and agree with the reasons described in the bill. Even for non-vegetarian students, it is important to expose them to vegetarian meals so they can incorporate them more into their diets. A recent large-scale UK study showed that vegetarians are a third less likely to die from heart disease than meat eaters. Exposing students to vegetarian foods and giving them options can give them some of the benefits of a plant-based diet. Costs may also be reduced because meat is often more expensive than plant-based proteins. Many students come from homes where plant-based proteins such as tofu are a regular part of their diet. Meat is also a less sustainable option than plant-based proteins, so adjusting the lunch option will also make an environmental impact.

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