

JAN 17 2014

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PARTNER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OFFICE OF PLANNING, HAWAII FARM BUREAU FEDERATION, AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL STAKEHOLDERS TO DEVELOP A FARM-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM TO PROVIDE LOCALLY GROWN PRODUCE TO SALAD BARS AT ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, academic research and actual experience in schools
2 across the country are increasingly demonstrating that school
3 children significantly increase their consumption of fruits and
4 vegetables when given a variety of choices in school salad bars;
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7 WHEREAS, when offered a number of fruit and vegetable
8 choices, children will likely try new foods, incorporating
9 greater variety into their diets, and increasing their
10 consumption of fruits and vegetables; and

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12 WHEREAS, the benefit of salad bars in schools extends
13 beyond the healthy foods consumed during the breakfast or lunch
14 hour; and

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16 WHEREAS, increased access to fruits and vegetables provides
17 students with choices that can promote positive behavior that
18 can carry over outside of school, creating habits for a lifetime
19 of healthy snack and meal choices; and

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21 WHEREAS, the White House Task Force on Childhood Obesity
22 has endorsed schools using salad bars and upgrading cafeteria
23 equipment to support providing healthier foods to kids; and

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25 WHEREAS, Kamaile Academy, a conversion charter school in
26 Waianae on the island of Oahu, is a model of healthy eating for
27 public schools in the State; and

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1 WHEREAS, Kamaile Academy boasts a cafeteria with a salad
 2 bar that offers students fresh and healthy choices for lunch,
 3 often including produce that was grown on campus; and
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5 WHEREAS, providing fresh local produce in Hawaii's schools
 6 benefits local farmers and Hawaii's school children; and,
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8 WHEREAS, the establishment of a farm-to-school program in
 9 which local farmers provide produce to be served in Hawaii
 10 public schools' salad bars will not only provide local farmers
 11 with a market for their products, but will also educate students
 12 on the nutritional, environmental, and economic benefits of
 13 preparing and consuming Hawaii-grown produce; now, therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
 16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, the
 17 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
 18 Education is requested to partner with the Department of
 19 Agriculture, Office of Planning, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation,
 20 and other agricultural stakeholders to develop a farm-to-school
 21 program to provide locally grown produce to salad bars at all
 22 public schools in the State; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
 25 encouraged to provide salad bars at all public schools in the
 26 State; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
 29 requested to report to the Legislature no later than twenty days
 30 prior to the convening of the Regular Sessions of 2015 to 2019
 31 on its efforts, including any proposed legislation, to develop
 32 and implement a farm-to-school program using locally grown
 33 produce and provide salad bars at all public schools; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
 37 Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, Chairperson of
 38 the Board of Agriculture, Director of the Office of Planning,
 39 and President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation.
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