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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MENUS FOR CHILDREN.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that restaurants
2 typically offer refillable soda and fruit drink options with
3 meals for children. These beverages often contain copious
4 amounts of sugar or other sweeteners that may lead to health
5 complications such as diabetes, obesity, and tooth decay.
6 Parents who desire a healthy drink alternative for their child
7 are often required to pay an extra fee for a milk or bottled
8 water beverage. This usually results in most parents choosing
9 the sweetened drink and their child consuming multiple servings
10 of a beverage that contributes to obesity, diabetes, and tooth
11 decay.

12 The purpose of this Act is encourage families to make
13 health beverage choices for their children, by prohibiting
14 restaurants from offering any drink except bottled water and
15 milk on menus for children.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§321- Restaurant meals for children. (a) No
5 restaurant children's menu shall contain a listing of any
6 beverage except bottled water and milk.

7 (b) This section does not prohibit a restaurant from
8 offering for sale, on a menu other than a children's menu, any
9 nonalcoholic beverage to a minor for a separate charge.

10 (c) For purposes of this section:

11 "Children's menu" means a separate menu, or designated
12 section of a menu, containing meal options specifically targeted
13 for children.

14 "Restaurant" means an eating establishment, including
15 coffee shops and sandwich stands, that gives or offers for sale
16 food to the public, guests, or employees. The term "restaurant"
17 includes a bar area within the restaurant and outdoor areas of
18 restaurants. The term "restaurant" does not include private and
19 public school cafeterias."

20 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.



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1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2016.

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S.B. NO. 1179

Report Title:

Children's Menu; Healthy Beverage Options

Description:

Prohibits restaurant children's menus from offering any beverage other than bottled water and milk. Authorizes children to order any nonalcoholic drink from a restaurant's regular menu.

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