
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO OFFER VEGETARIAN MEAL
OPTIONS IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT LEAST ONCE WEEKLY.

1 WHEREAS, about thirty percent of the world's total ice-free
2 surface is used to raise poultry, pork, and cattle that humans
3 eventually eat; and

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5 WHEREAS, there are approximately 1.5 billion cows and bulls
6 worldwide, with a single cow creating between seventy and one
7 hundred twenty kilograms of methane a year; and

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9 WHEREAS, methane is a gas which has been proven to be more
10 than twenty times more harmful to the environment than carbon
11 dioxide and has been linked directly to contributing to climate
12 change; and

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14 WHEREAS, a reduction in meat consumption can be beneficial
15 not only to the environment but to the health of Hawaii's
16 students; and

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18 WHEREAS, a vegetarian diet has been shown to reduce the
19 chances of developing diabetes, lower cholesterol, and decrease
20 the risk of cardiovascular disease, among other benefits; and

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22 WHEREAS, offering vegetarian options can promote not only a
23 healthy lifestyle for the state's youth but the making of
24 environmentally conscious personal decisions; and

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26 WHEREAS, hundreds of schools across the United States,
27 including Kamehameha Schools Maui, have already made the
28 decision to support the health of students and to promote
29 environmentally conscious eating and have adopted a "Meatless
30 Monday" lunch program; now, therefore,



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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 2 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
 3 2019, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Education is
 4 urged to offer vegetarian meal options in all public schools at
 5 least once weekly; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
 8 urged to introduce a "Meatless Monday" program to inform
 9 students about the health and environmental benefits of a
 10 vegetarian diet; and

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 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
 14 Chairperson of the Board of Education, and Superintendent of
 15 Education.

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