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# HOUSE 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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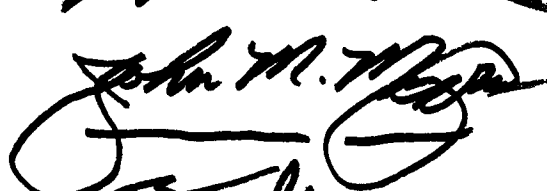


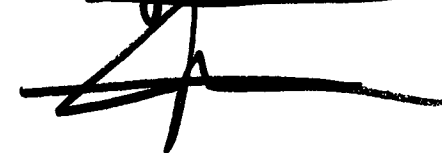
1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 2 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
 3 2019, that the Department of Education is urged to offer  
 4 vegetarian meal options in all public schools at least once  
 5 weekly; and

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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 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the  
 14 Board of Education, and Superintendent of Education.  
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