
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO WORK TOWARD OFFERING
PLANT-BASED PROTEINS IN FIFTY PERCENT OF LUNCH MEALS SERVED
IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, a plant-based diet has been shown to reduce the
2 chance of developing diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and
3 cancers, among other things; and
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5 WHEREAS, fifty percent of children between the ages of two
6 and fifteen already have fatty streaks in their arteries and
7 research shows that within ten years, half the nation will be
8 obese; and
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10 WHEREAS, the average meat and dairy products served in
11 school are highly processed and treated with antibiotics and
12 growth hormones, which can impact health outcomes; and
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14 WHEREAS, the agricultural industry, including produce,
15 animals, and grain, generates approximately one fourth of all
16 greenhouse gas emissions; and
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18 WHEREAS, a reduction in meat consumption can be beneficial
19 not only to the health of Hawaii's students, but also to the
20 environment; and
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22 WHEREAS, the Department of Education is beginning to
23 incorporate more plant-based and vegetarian options into school
24 menus at the request of students; now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
28 2020, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Education is
29 urged to work toward offering plant-based proteins in place of



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1 animal proteins in fifty percent of lunch meals served in public
2 schools; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
6 Chairperson of the Board of Education, and Superintendent of
7 Education.

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