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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
THE HAWAII FOODBANK TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A VITAMIN
SUPPLEMENT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.

1 WHEREAS, sufficient nutrition for children during key
2 developmental years is important for growth and long-term
3 health; and
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5 WHEREAS, as recently as 2021, peer-reviewed studies of
6 school-aged children using vitamin supplements show improvement
7 in physical growth and academic performance; and
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9 WHEREAS, vitamins and minerals are essential nutrients that
10 play an important role in key body functions such as cell growth
11 and immune function, calcium absorption, and bone growth; and
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13 WHEREAS, vitamins and minerals are key to the development
14 of children as deficiencies may cause long-term health impacts
15 such as osteoporosis, cardiovascular disease, multiple
16 sclerosis, hypertension, diabetes, and other diseases that may
17 pose significant health risks; and
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19 WHEREAS, vitamin supplements may fill in gaps for school-
20 aged children who may not receive a sufficient daily intake of
21 key vitamins; and
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23 WHEREAS, school-aged children who have access to vitamin
24 supplements in schools can receive nutrition needed to grow at
25 healthy rates and succeed academically; now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,
29 that the Department of Education is requested to develop and
30 implement a vitamin supplement distribution program in
31 partnership with the Hawaii Foodbank; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of the



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1 Department of Education, Chairperson of the Board of Education,
2 and President of the Hawaii Foodbank.

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OFFERED BY:

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