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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INCORPORATE PLANT-BASED  
PROTEINS IN 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, an increase in plant-based protein consumption can  
19 be beneficial not only to the health of Hawaii's students, but  
20 also to the 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 Senate of the Thirty-second  
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, the  
28 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
29 Education is urged to incorporate plant-based proteins in place  
30 of animal proteins in fifty percent of meals served in public  
31 schools; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,  
3 Chairperson of the Board of Education, and Superintendent of  
4 Education.  
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OFFERED BY:

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