
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE HAWAII PUBLIC
SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE TO DEVELOP NUTRITIONALLY-SOUND PUBLIC
SCHOOL MENU PLANS THAT INCLUDE VEGETARIAN AND VEGAN MEALS.

1 WHEREAS, all students should be assured nutritionally-
2 balanced diets to assure they become healthy adults who do not
3 suffer from the effects of obesity and malnutrition from not
4 eating healthy food; and
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6 WHEREAS, fruits and vegetables promote good health because
7 they contain fiber and essential nutrients, including vitamins
8 and minerals, are low in fat and calories, contain
9 phytochemicals that may provide additional protection to reduce
10 the risk of cancer and heart disease, and contain no
11 cholesterol; and
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13 WHEREAS, the American Academy of Pediatrics, American
14 Cancer Society, American Dietetic Association, American Heart
15 Association, and National Institutes of Health recommend that
16 diets should include a balance of fruits, vegetables, and whole
17 grains; and
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19 WHEREAS, students who identify themselves as vegetarian or
20 vegan, i.e. they do not consume or use any animal products, or
21 come from vegetarian or vegan families desire access to
22 vegetarian and vegan meals in the public schools; and
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24 WHEREAS, some public schools are able to provide vegetarian
25 and vegan meals; now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
29 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
30 Education and the Hawaii public school food service are
31 requested to consider nutritionally-sound public school menu



1 plans that give students the option of vegetarian and vegan
2 public school meals; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
5 requested to conduct training and workshops for cafeteria
6 managers and workers to increase awareness of the benefits of
7 and options for providing vegetarian and vegan meals that are
8 nutritious and balanced to students in public schools; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
11 requested to post on its website a list of schools that have
12 vegetarian and vegan menu options; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
15 requested to submit a report to the Legislature no later than
16 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
17 2009 on action it has undertaken pursuant to this measure; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
21 Board of Education and the Superintendent of Education.

