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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE FORMATION OF A WORK GROUP TO DEVELOP NUTRITION
GUIDELINES FOR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

1 WHEREAS, obesity is a major health and economic concern for
2 Hawaii and the nation, causing higher medical costs and lower
3 quality of life; and
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5 WHEREAS, in Hawaii adult obesity has more than doubled
6 between 1995 and 2009 and childhood obesity increased by 38%
7 from 1999 and 2009; and
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9 WHEREAS, in Hawaii one in three children entering
10 kindergarten is overweight or obese and one in two adults is
11 overweight or obese; and
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13 WHEREAS obesity-related medical expenditures in Hawaii were
14 calculated to be over \$470 million in 2009, and are continuing
15 to rise; and
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17 WHEREAS, obesity is a complex and multifaceted issue
18 requiring the collaboration of stakeholders in government, non-
19 profit, private and health care sectors to create systematic
20 large-scale environmental changes; and
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22 WHEREAS, healthy eating is a critical component of reducing
23 obesity, and the availability and prominence of healthy foods
24 and beverages options increases the ability for people to
25 achieve and maintain a healthy weight;
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27 WHEREAS, state-run locations and functions impact the food
28 and beverage choices of employees, clients, residents, and the
29 public; and
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31 WHEREAS, the development and adoption of nutrition
32 guidelines would: 1) make state government the model for healthy
33 food and beverage environment; 2) support local and small

1 business producers and distributors of healthier foods in
2 Hawaii; 3) improve the nutritional quality of foods served,
3 especially to our most vulnerable populations; 4) improve health
4 risk objectives for government employees by decreasing the
5 promotion of unhealthy foods served in government-run facilities
6 and functions; and 5) create work environments that support a
7 healthy and productive workforce that is important to Hawaii's
8 economy; now, therefore,

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10 BE IT RESOLVED that the State of Hawaii creates and
11 encourages the use of nutrition guidelines for all food sold or
12 provided on government-run property, purchased by government
13 agencies for their guests at meetings, and made available to
14 employees of all agencies in vending machines or through on-site
15 vendors; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
18 requested to establish the State Nutrition Guidelines Work Group
19 to:

- 20 (1) Draft model food guidelines for all state agencies;
21 (2) Create a toolkit for implementing the nutrition
22 guidelines; and
23 (3) Develop recommendations for implementation of the
24 guidelines in all state agencies;

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the director of health will
27 appoint up to twenty work group members having demonstrated
28 interest in and having backgrounds beneficial to assisting the
29 function of the work group, including members having extensive
30 knowledge, expertise, or experience in such areas as obesity
31 prevention, nutrition, procurement, nutrition guidelines,
32 vending, and related areas; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the work group is requested to
35 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
36 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
37 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of
38 2015; and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the work group
41 serve without compensation and receive no reimbursement for
42 expenses; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of health is
2 requested to assist the work group by providing a facilitator;
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the work group cease to exist
6 on December 31, 2014; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
10 Director of Health, Director of Human Services, and the State
11 Procurement Office, and State Procurement Board.

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OFFERED BY: 
BY REQUEST

JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Health

TITLE: URGING THE FORMATION OF A WORK GROUP TO DEVELOP NUTRITION GUIDELINES FOR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to encourage interagency dialogue and action to coordinate and align state procurement policies to prevent childhood obesity.

MEANS: Adoption of the proposed concurrent resolution.

JUSTIFICATION: Obesity is a major health and economic concern for Hawaii and the nation, causing higher medical costs and lower quality of life.

The State's policies on procurement of food for employees, prisoners, school children, and the public at large should adhere to nutritional guidelines to prevent obesity and demonstrate State leadership.

Impact on the public: Increased access to more nutritious foods.

Impact on the department and other agencies: Potential recommendations to alter procurement policies.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION: HTH 495.

OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.