
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SUPPLY EACH PUBLIC KINDERGARTEN AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT IN THE STATE WITH MEALS, READY-TO-EAT, FOR CONSUMPTION WHEN NATURAL DISASTERS OR OTHER EMERGENCY INCIDENTS OCCUR.

1 WHEREAS, students typically spend up to eight hours per day
2 at school; and

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4 WHEREAS, it is foreseeable that, if a natural disaster
5 occurs, such as a major storm, earthquake, or flood, students
6 may be trapped at their respective school campuses for extended
7 periods of time; and

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9 WHEREAS, man-made emergencies, such as the September 5,
10 2006, incident in which a military vehicle collided with a
11 pedestrian overpass in Aiea, forcing the State to close six
12 lanes of the H-1 Freeway for thirteen hours, can also stall the
13 ability of students to reach home; and

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15 WHEREAS, students who are at school for extended periods of
16 time need access to food; and

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18 WHEREAS, although public schools are usually equipped to
19 provide prepared meals to students at scheduled mealtimes, they
20 do not always have the resources to provide meals to students
21 when emergencies occur; and

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23 WHEREAS, a Meal, Ready-to-Eat (MRE), is an individual field
24 ration that provides a full meal in a sealed package and
25 typically has a storage life of three years or longer; and

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27 WHEREAS, members of the military often consume MREs when
28 normal food facilities are not available; and

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1 WHEREAS, MREs are also suitable for consumption by young
 2 children, especially when disasters or other emergencies prevent
 3 their parents from picking them up from school; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 6 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 7 of 2018, that the Department of Education is requested to supply
 8 each public school student enrolled in kindergarten through
 9 sixth grade with one MRE; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
 12 requested to instruct students who receive MREs to keep their
 13 MREs on hand, and only consume the MREs if a natural disaster
 14 or other emergency incident occurs, to teach the students
 15 lessons on disaster preparedness; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 18 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
 19 Education and the Superintendent of Education.
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