HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO WORK TOWARD OFFERING
PLANT-BASED PROTEINS IN FIFTY PERCENT OF LUNCH MEALS SERVED
IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, a plant-based diet has been shown to reduce the
chance of developing diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and
cancers, among other things; and

WHEREAS, fifty percent of children between the ages of two
and fifteen already have fatty streaks in their arteries and
research shows that within ten years, half the nation will be
obese; and

WHEREAS, the average meat and dairy products served in
school are highly processed and treated with antibiotics and
growth hormones, which can impact health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the agricultural industry, including produce,
animals, and grain, generates approximately one fourth of all
greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, a reduction in meat consumption can be beneficial
not only to the health of Hawaii's students, but also to the
environment; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education is beginning to
incorporate more plant-based and vegetarian options into school
menus at the request of students; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
2020, that the Department of Education is urged to work toward
offering plant-based proteins in place of animal proteins in
fifty percent of lunch meals served in public schools; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the Board of Education, and Superintendent of Education.

OFFERED BY:  

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