
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP AND ADD FARM
TO SCHOOL IMPLEMENTATION STANDARDS TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL EVALUATIONS.

1 WHEREAS, school food programs play a critical role in
2 improving the health and educational outcomes of Hawaii's keiki
3 by encouraging consumption of fresh, locally grown foods; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Farm to School Program was established
6 in 2015 to transition the State's school food systems toward
7 locally grown food for the benefit of students, small
8 businesses, local farmers, and the environment; and
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10 WHEREAS, from 2016 to 2018, the Aina Pono Executive Program
11 oversaw two pilot projects to evaluate the feasibility of and
12 processes required to increase the amount of fresh, local food
13 on public school menus; and
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15 WHEREAS, the success of these pilot projects highlighted
16 the need to make similar changes across the public school
17 system; and
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19 WHEREAS, the implementation of farm to school programs
20 requires centralized strategies across the Department of
21 Education and site-specific strategies at each school; and
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23 WHEREAS, principals and school administration play a key
24 role in the implementation of farm to school programs; now,
25 therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
29 of 2022, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Education
30 is requested to develop farm to school implementation standards



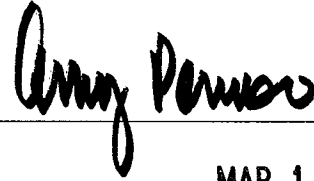
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1 and to add the standards to the annual school principal
2 evaluations to improve student access to fresh, local foods in
3 public school food programs; and

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
6 requested to work with the Hawaii Government Employees
7 Association to develop the farm to school implementation
8 standards; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Chairperson of the Board
12 of Education, Interim Superintendent of Education, and President
13 of the Hawaii Government Employees Association.

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