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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INCORPORATE PLANT-BASED
PROTEINS IN MEALS SERVED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, a plant-based diet has been shown to reduce the
2 chance of developing diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and
3 cancers, among other things; and
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5 WHEREAS, fifty percent of children between the ages of two
6 and fifteen already have fatty streaks in their arteries and
7 research shows that within ten years, half the nation will be
8 obese; and
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10 WHEREAS, the average meat and dairy products served in
11 school are highly processed and treated with antibiotics and
12 growth hormones, which can impact health outcomes; and
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14 WHEREAS, the agricultural industry, including produce,
15 animals, and grain, generates approximately one fourth of all
16 greenhouse gas emissions; and
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18 WHEREAS, an increase in plant-based protein consumption can
19 be beneficial not only to the health of Hawaii's students, but
20 also to the environment; and
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22 WHEREAS, the Department of Education is beginning to
23 incorporate more plant-based and vegetarian options into school
24 menus at the request of students; now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,
28 that the Department of Education is urged to incorporate plant-
29 based proteins in place of animal proteins in fifty percent of
30 meals served in public schools; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the
34 Board of Education, and Superintendent of Education.



