HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT ALL EATING ESTABLISHMENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII-MANOA CAMPUS BE REQUIRED TO ACCEPT STUDENT MEAL CARDS.

WHEREAS, student meal plans provide a flexible, affordable, and convenient method of dining at college campuses; and

WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii-Manoa has a variety of meal plan options that can be used at resident dining locations and at retail dining locations on campus; and

WHEREAS, students residing in the residence halls of the University of Hawaii-Manoa are required to purchase a meal plan each semester, while apartment residents and off-campus students have the option to participate; and

WHEREAS, students at the Manoa campus use their schoolissued identification cards as meal cards, which must be presented at each meal; and

WHEREAS, the convenience of meal plans is diminished when not every eating establishment at the Manoa campus accepts student meal cards; and

WHEREAS, the Manoa campus comprises a multitude of facilities stretched over a large land area; and

WHEREAS, students participating in a meal plan may be inconvenienced by having to purchase meals at eating establishments that are located far from their classes; and

WHEREAS, students may be discouraged from using university facilities, such as libraries or study areas, that are not located near eating establishments that accept meal cards; and

WHEREAS, promoting the convenience of meal plans for participants is particularly important for students who live in the residence halls and are required to participate in a meal plan; and

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WHEREAS, full participation in University of Hawaii-Manoa meal plans by all on-campus eating establishments would maximize the value of the plans by making them more convenient for student participants to use; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the University of Hawaii is requested to require all eating establishments at the Manoa campus to accept meal cards under the University's meal plans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the University of Hawaii System, the Chancellor of the University of Hawaii-Manoa, and the President of the Associated Students of the University of Hawaii-Manoa.

OFFERED BY:

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