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S.C.R. NO. 180

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REEXAMINE THE MENU
SCHEDULES FOR SCHOOL MEALS TO GIVE LOCAL PRODUCE SUPPLIERS
THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE LOCALLY GROWN PRODUCE IN EACH MEAL,
IN KEEPING WITH UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STANDARDS.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Education is a large purchaser
2 of food products for child nutrition programs, including the
3 school breakfast program, national school lunch program,
4 afterschool snack program, and summer food service program; and
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6 WHEREAS, as a large purchaser of food products, the
7 Department of Education can make a significant impact on the
8 local economy by purchasing produce from local farms; and
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10 WHEREAS, Hawaii's school children will benefit from the
11 purchase of local produce by consuming fresher, better tasting,
12 and more nutritious food; and
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14 WHEREAS, the procurement of produce from local farms can
15 also serve as a "market primer" by representing a stable source
16 of demand for local farmers, thereby creating the security
17 required for these farmers to invest in the capital necessary to
18 expand production capacity and access additional markets; and
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20 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture sets
21 forth nutritional requirements for school meals; and
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23 WHEREAS, the Department of Education creates menus for
24 school meals with specific food items that schools must all
25 produce; and
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27 WHEREAS, while creating this type of strict menu is
28 beneficial when ordering food in bulk, if the specific product
29 is not produced or manufactured in Hawaii in sufficient and
30 available quantities or, through competitive bids, the costs of



1 a locally produced food are significantly higher, and the
2 Department of Education purchases the food from mainland
3 providers; and
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5 WHEREAS, flexibility is needed in the menu schedules to
6 allow local produce suppliers the opportunity to meet the
7 Department of Education's needs; and
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9 WHEREAS, for example, rather than a menu specifying "one
10 cup of broccoli", the menu could require "one cup of fresh
11 vegetables" instead; and
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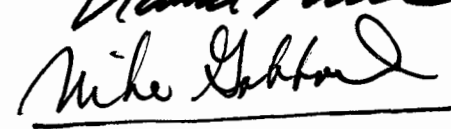

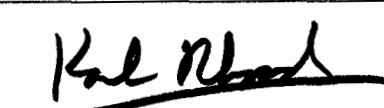
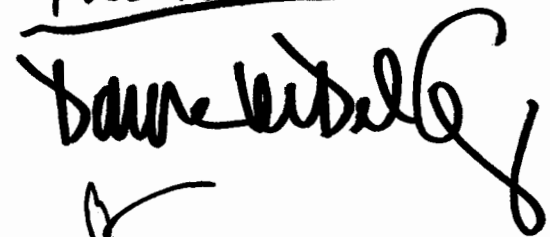
13 WHEREAS, allowing flexibility in school menus that meet
14 United States Department of Agriculture standards will further
15 promote purchasing from and supporting local farms, while
16 providing schoolchildren with healthy meals; now, therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the
20 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
21 Education is requested to reexamine the menu schedules for
22 school meals to give local produce suppliers the ability to
23 provide locally grown produce in each meal, in keeping with
24 United States Department of Agriculture standards; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
27 requested to look at incorporating more flexible menu
28 requirements that specify food groups, rather than specific
29 foods, especially in fresh produce requirements; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Board
33 of Education and Superintendent of Education.
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OFFERED BY:



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