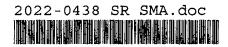
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## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HAWAII FOODBANK TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A VITAMIN SUPPLEMENT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.

WHEREAS, sufficient nutrition for children during key 1 developmental years is important for growth and long-term 2 3 health; and 4 WHEREAS, as recently as 2021, peer-reviewed studies of 5 school-aged children using vitamin supplements show improvement 6 in physical growth and academic performance; and 7 8 9 WHEREAS, vitamins and minerals are essential nutrients that play an important role in key body functions such as cell growth 10 and immune function, calcium absorption, and bone growth; and 11 12 WHEREAS, vitamins and minerals are key to the development 13 of children as deficiencies may cause long-term health impacts 14 such as osteoporosis, cardiovascular disease, multiple 15 sclerosis, hypertension, diabetes, and other diseases that may 16 pose significant health risks; and 17 18 WHEREAS, vitamin supplements may fill in gaps for school-19 20 aged children who may not receive a sufficient daily intake of key vitamins; and 21 22 23 WHEREAS, school-aged children who have access to vitamin 24 supplements in schools can receive nutrition needed to grow at healthy rates and succeed academically; now, therefore, 25 26 27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, 28 that the Department of Education is requested to develop and 29 implement a vitamin supplement distribution program in 30 partnership with the Hawaii Foodbank; and 31 32 33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of the 34



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Department of Education, Chairperson of the Board of Education,
and President of the Hawaii Foodbank.

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