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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PARTNER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OFFICE OF PLANNING, HAWAII FARM BUREAU FEDERATION, AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL STAKEHOLDERS TO DEVELOP A FARM-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM TO PROVIDE LOCALLY GROWN PRODUCE TO SALAD BARS AT ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, academic research and actual experience in schools  
2 across the country are increasingly demonstrating that school  
3 children significantly increase their consumption of fruits and  
4 vegetables when given a variety of choices in school salad bars;  
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7 WHEREAS, when offered a number of fruit and vegetable  
8 choices, children will likely try new foods, incorporating  
9 greater variety into their diets, and increasing their  
10 consumption of fruits and vegetables; and

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12 WHEREAS, the benefit of salad bars in schools extends  
13 beyond the healthy foods consumed during the breakfast or lunch  
14 hour; and

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16 WHEREAS, increased access to fruits and vegetables provides  
17 students with choices that can promote positive behavior that  
18 can carry over outside of school, creating habits for a lifetime  
19 of healthy snack and meal choices; and

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21 WHEREAS, the White House Task Force on Childhood Obesity  
22 has endorsed schools using salad bars and upgrading cafeteria  
23 equipment to support providing healthier foods to kids; and

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25 WHEREAS, Kamaile Academy, a conversion charter school in  
26 Waianae on the island of Oahu, is a model of healthy eating for  
27 public schools in the State; and

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29 WHEREAS, Kamaile Academy boasts a cafeteria with a salad  
30 bar that offers students fresh and healthy choices for lunch,  
31 often including produce that was grown on campus; and

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1 WHEREAS, providing fresh local produce in Hawaii's schools  
2 benefits local farmers and Hawaii's school children; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the establishment of a farm-to-school program in  
5 which local farmers provide produce to be served in Hawaii  
6 public schools' salad bars will not only provide local farmers  
7 with a market for their products, but will also educate students  
8 on the nutritional, environmental, and economic benefits of  
9 preparing and consuming Hawaii-grown produce; now, therefore,  
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
12 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
13 Session of 2014, that the Department of Education is requested  
14 to partner with the Department of Agriculture, Office of  
15 Planning, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, and other agricultural  
16 stakeholders to develop a farm-to-school program to provide  
17 locally grown produce to salad bars at all public schools in the  
18 State; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
21 encouraged to provide salad bars at all public schools in the  
22 State; and  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
25 requested to report to the Legislature no later than twenty days  
26 prior to the convening of the Regular Sessions of 2015 to 2019  
27 on its efforts, including any proposed legislation, to develop  
28 and implement a farm-to-school program using locally grown  
29 produce and provide salad bars at all public schools; and  
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
32 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
33 Education, Superintendent of Education, Chairperson of the Board  
34 of Agriculture, Director of the Office of Planning, and  
35 President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation.  
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