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Title: Nutrition Labels and Nutrition Education in Elementary School

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Referred to: Reference Committee D

House Action: Adopted as Amended.

Whereas, there is growing concern about the obesity epidemic involving children and adults in the United States, and

Whereas, overweight or obese children have a much higher risk of weight problems in adolescence and adulthood, and

Whereas, obesity is a risk factor for many illnesses of children, teens, and adults, and

Whereas, the processing of foods can negatively impact nutritional content and increase morbidity, and

Whereas, education on nutrition labels can positively impact dietary habits¹, and

Whereas, early education can result in life-long applied knowledge; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS support nutrition education, including how to read nutrition labels on food packaging, be implemented in elementary school curricula in Michigan as a prevention measure for obesity and resulting morbidity.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE

¹ Consumers Use of Nutritional Labels: A Review of Research Studies and Issues." Academy of Marketing Science Review 2006.15261794 (2006): 1-. ABI/INFORM Complete. Web. 1 Mar. 2012. Please note that Nabil Abou-Baker, MD Candidate - 2013, assisted in co-authoring this resolution.