
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL MEALS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to modify the method
2 by which the prices of school meals, which include both lunch
3 and breakfast, are determined. With the yearly increases in
4 food, fuel, and labor costs, the department of education must be
5 able to adjust the prices of school meals so that the cost to
6 students is no less than half of the cost of preparing the
7 meals. Currently, the method for determining school lunch
8 prices is provided by statute, while school breakfast prices are
9 set by administrative rule. School breakfast and lunch prices
10 should be set using the same method.

11 SECTION 2. Section 302A-101, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
13 and to read as follows:

14 "School meals" means breakfasts and lunches that are
15 prepared and served by a school cafeteria and provided to
16 students."

17 SECTION 3. Section 302A-405, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:



1 "(a) The price for [~~the~~] school [~~lunch~~] meals shall be set
2 by the department to ensure that moneys received from the sale
3 of the [~~lunches may~~] meals shall be [~~up to~~] no less than one-
4 half of the cost of preparing the [~~school lunch.~~] meals. The
5 [~~price~~] prices for [~~the~~] school [~~lunch shall~~] meals may be
6 adjusted annually based on the [~~average cost of preparing the~~
7 ~~school lunch over the three years preceding any increase,~~]
8 previous year's cost rounded to the nearest five cents; provided
9 that the department by rule shall provide a lower rate or free
10 [~~lunches~~] meals to children based on their economic need."

11 SECTION 4. Section 302A-1146, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 "**§302A-1146 Schools; merchandise.** It shall be unlawful
14 for any public school, without the written permission of the
15 department, to operate stores or to sell merchandise, with the
16 following exceptions: school [~~lunches,~~] meals, milk, ice cream,
17 candy, and products made or grown at the school as part of the
18 educational program. The department, with the advice of the
19 comptroller, shall adopt rules in conformance with chapter 91
20 necessary for the purposes of this section."

21 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
22 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



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1 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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Report Title:

School Meals; Prices

Description:

Modifies the method by which the prices of school meals are determined.

