
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§302A- School gardens. (a) All schools may grow food
5 in school gardens for consumption in their school meals
6 programs; provided that food products used in a school meals
7 program shall be inspected and certified as safe by the
8 department of agriculture.

9 (b) Upon request by a school, a nonprofit organization, as
10 defined in section 302D-1, may establish and administer a fresh
11 food distribution service.

12 (c) The department may adopt rules under chapter 91 to
13 implement this section.

14 (d) The department shall not be liable to any person for
15 any sickness or contamination that results from the use of fresh
16 foods from the school garden, except when the sickness or
17 contamination is caused by a condition resulting from the
18 department's failure to comply with sanitation and hygiene



1 standards established by the department for school lunch
2 programs."

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and the
6 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
7 2014-2015 for the establishment and support of school gardens
8 and the use of food grown in such gardens in school meals
9 programs.

10 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
11 of education for the purposes of this Act.

12 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

School Meals Program; School Gardens

Description:

Authorizes schools to grow food in school gardens for consumption in the school lunch program under specified conditions. Allows nonprofit organizations to establish and administer fresh food distribution services. Appropriation. Effective July 1, 2050. (HB478 HD2)

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