
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STUDENT MEALS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 302A-404, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 **"§302A-404 School meals.** (a) School meals shall be made
4 available under the school meals program in every school where
5 the students are required to eat meals at school.

6 (b) No student shall be denied a meal solely for failure
7 to pay:

8 (1) Within the first thirty days of the first semester of
9 a school year while the student's application for free
10 or reduced lunch is being processed; or

11 (2) Within one week following a student's meal fund
12 account reaching a zero or negative balance.

13 (c) The department may adopt rules or policies governing
14 the collection of funds for student meal accounts with a
15 negative fund balance; provided that no rule or policy shall
16 prohibit feeding a student as required pursuant to subsection
17 (b)."



1 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Department of Education; Meals; Students

Description:

Prohibits denying a student a meal for the first: (1) 30 days of the first semester of a school year while the student's application for free or reduced lunch is being processed; or (2) week that the student's meal fund balance is zero or negative. Authorizes the Department of Education to adopt rules or policies on the collection of funds for negative student meal balances. (SB2426 HD1)

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