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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL MEALS.

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

1           SECTION 1. (a) The department of education shall develop  
2 and implement a plant-based food and beverage program.

3           (b) Subject to available funds, the plant-based food and  
4 beverage program shall award participating public schools up to  
5 \$           in quarterly allotments for providing meals that  
6 include a plant-based food option or plant-based milk option, or  
7 both, pursuant to this section.

8           (c) Subject to available funds, the department may limit  
9 the total amount of awards provided to participating public  
10 schools pursuant to this section to a total of \$           per  
11 year.

12           (d) Any public school applying to participate in the  
13 plant-based food and beverage program shall provide the  
14 department of education with documentation of the number of  
15 plant-based food options and plant-based milk options under the  
16 federal National School Lunch Program that the school served in  
17 the 2019-2020 school year. A public school that does not



1 provide this documentation shall not be eligible for the plant-  
2 based food and beverage program.

3 (e) The awards described in subsection (b) shall be  
4 awarded for plant-based food options and plant-based milk  
5 options that represent an increase from the number of plant-  
6 based food options or plant-based milk options served in the  
7 2019-2020 school year, as demonstrated by the documentation  
8 required pursuant to subsection (d).

9 (f) Participation in the plant-based food and beverage  
10 program by a public school shall be voluntary. Awards for  
11 participating in the plant-based food and beverage program shall  
12 be in addition to any other state or federal funding or  
13 reimbursement received by participating public schools.

14 (g) The department of education shall adopt rules pursuant  
15 to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to carry out the  
16 purposes of the plant-based food and beverage program, including  
17 but not limited to:

- 18 (1) The award rates per meal that include a plant-based  
19 food option or plant-based milk option, or both;
- 20 (2) The application process for public schools; and



1 (3) The meal verification process for participating public  
2 schools.

3 (h) For the purposes of this section:

4 "Plant-based food option" means a food that contains no  
5 animal products or byproducts, including meat, poultry, fish,  
6 dairy, or eggs, and that is recognized by the United States  
7 Department of Agriculture as a meat alternate for purposes of  
8 the federal National School Lunch Program.

9 "Plant-based milk option" means a beverage that contains no  
10 animal products or byproducts, including dairy, and that is  
11 recognized by the United States Department of Agriculture as a  
12 nondairy fluid milk substitute for purposes of the federal  
13 National School Lunch Program.

14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for  
17 the department of education to develop and implement the plant-  
18 based food and beverage program, including but not limited to  
19 the following:

20 (1) Contracting with third parties for professional  
21 development training for school staff on serving,



1 including preparing, procuring, advertising, and  
2 creating menus for, plant-based food options or plant-  
3 based milk options;

4 (2) Purchasing cafeteria equipment to prepare plant-based  
5 food options or plant-based milk options, as needed;  
6 and


7 (3) Providing technical assistance and student engagement  
8 and education on plant-based food options and plant-  
9 based milk options, including providing taste tests,  
10 recipe development, and culinary education.

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

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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# S.B. NO. 2782

**Report Title:**

Plant-based Food and Beverage Program; Department of Education;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the department of education to establish a plant-based food and beverage program to award funds to participating public schools who serve meals that include plant-based food options or plant-based milk options, under certain conditions.  
Appropriates funds.

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