
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL MEALS.

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- Plant-based food and beverage program. (a) The
5 department of education shall develop and implement a plant-
6 based food and beverage program.

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

12 (c) Subject to available funds, the department may limit
13 the total amount of awards provided to participating public
14 schools pursuant to this section to a total of \$ per
15 year.

16 (d) Any public school applying to participate in the
17 plant-based food and beverage program shall provide the



1 department of education with documentation of the number of
2 plant-based food options and plant-based milk options under the
3 federal National School Lunch Program that the school served in
4 the 2019-2020 school year. A public school that does not
5 provide this documentation shall not be eligible for the plant-
6 based food and beverage program.

7 (e) The awards described in subsection (b) shall be
8 awarded for plant-based food options and plant-based milk
9 options that represent an increase from the number of plant-
10 based food options or plant-based milk options served in the
11 2019-2020 school year, as demonstrated by the documentation
12 required pursuant to subsection (d).

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

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



1 (1) The award rates per meal that include a plant-based
2 food option or plant-based milk option, or both;

3 (2) The application process for public schools; and

4 (3) The meal verification process for participating public
5 schools.

6 (h) For the purposes of this section:

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

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

17 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
19 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for
20 the department of education to develop and implement the plant-



1 based food and beverage program, including but not limited to
2 the following:

- 3 (1) Contracting with third parties for professional
4 development training for school staff on serving,
5 including preparing, procuring, advertising, and
6 creating menus for, plant-based food options or plant-
7 based milk options;
- 8 (2) Purchasing cafeteria equipment to prepare plant-based
9 food options or plant-based milk options, as needed;
10 and
- 11 (3) Providing technical assistance and student engagement
12 and education on plant-based food options and plant-
13 based milk options, including providing taste tests,
14 recipe development, and culinary education.

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

17 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



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. (SD1)

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