



GOV. MSG. NO. 1151

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA

June 19, 2024

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate,
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 19, 2024, the following bill was signed into law:

SB3091 SD2 HD1 CD1

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
FOR FOOD SERVICES.
ACT 051

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Green M.D." in a cursive style.

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

on JUN 19 2024

THE SENATE
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2024
STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. 3091
S.D. 2
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FOOD SERVICES.

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

1 SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for
2 immediate passage in accordance with article VII, section 9, of
3 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

4 SECTION 2. The legislature finds that the department of
5 education is required to provide meal service for its students
6 and staff. The department provides approximately twenty
7 thousand school breakfasts and eighty thousand school lunches on
8 a daily basis to students and staff across the State. However,
9 the department of education has accumulated a deficit of more
10 than \$20,000,000 for its food service operations, which is
11 largely due to inflationary cost increases. In the 2022-2023
12 school year, more than eighty per cent of the department's food
13 costs increased by forty-two per cent, resulting in the need for
14 additional funds.

15 The legislature further finds that for many students, a
16 school meal is their only regular source of food for their
17 growing bodies and minds. School meals are required to follow



1 strict federal food safety and nutrition guidelines, which
2 ensure quality meals. The department of education plays a vital
3 role in the health and well-being of youth in the State's
4 communities.

5 The legislature also finds that while students and staff
6 are required to pay for their meals, Title I students are
7 provided meals free of charge. However, because school meals
8 are critical for student development, students are not denied
9 meals due to a lack of payment.

10 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to make an emergency
11 appropriation to the department of education for its food
12 service fiscal deficit and to continue to provide public school
13 students with high-quality, nutritious meals.

14 SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
15 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and
16 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined
17 that the general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2023-
18 2024 has already been exceeded by \$1,033,839,854 or ten per
19 cent. The appropriations contained in this Act will cause the
20 state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2023-2024
21 to be further exceeded by \$20,000,000 or one per cent. This



1 declaration takes into account the additional general fund
2 appropriation(s) authorized for fiscal year 2023-2024 in this
3 Act only. The reasons for exceeding the general fund
4 expenditure ceiling are that:

- 5 (1) The appropriations made in this Act are necessary to
6 serve the public interest; and
- 7 (2) The appropriations made in this Act meet the needs
8 addressed by this Act.

9 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$20,000,000 or so
11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 to
12 provide funding for the department of education to cover its
13 food service operations.

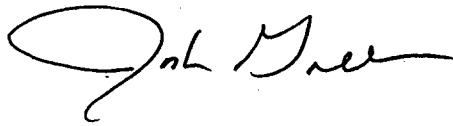
14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
15 education for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



S.B. NO. 3091
S.D. 2
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

APPROVED this **19th** day of **June**, 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Green". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII


THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: May 1, 2024
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024.



President of the Senate



Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 3091, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 1, 2024
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives