

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL MEALS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 302A-405, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended to read as follows: 3 "\$302A-405 School cafeterias; funds; expenditures. (a) [The price for school meals shall be set by the department to 4 ensure that moneys received from the sale of the meals shall be 5 not less than one-half of the cost of preparing the meals. The 6 7 prices for school meals may be adjusted annually based on the 8 previous year's costs rounded to the nearest five cents; 9 provided that the department by rule shall provide a lower rate 10 or free meals to children based on their economic need. 11 (b) All moneys received by or for the public school 12 cafeterias from the sale of meals, the sale of services, the 13 federal government, or any other source, shall be deposited in 14 one special school lunch fund. Except as otherwise provided by 15 the legislature, all expenditures for the operation of public

school cafeterias shall be made from this fund.

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- 1 $\left[\frac{(c)}{(c)}\right]$ (b) It is the intent of this section not to
- 2 jeopardize the receipt of any federal aid and to the extent, and
- 3 only to the extent necessary to effectuate this intent, the
- 4 governor may modify the strict provisions of this section, but
- 5 shall promptly report any such modification with the governor's
- 6 reasons therefor to the next succeeding session of the
- 7 legislature for review."
- 8 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Department of Education; School Meals; Prices

Description:

Repeals the authority of the Department of Education to set the price for school meals. $\,$

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