
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL MEALS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The intent of this Act is to modify the manner
2 in which school meal prices, including lunch and breakfast, are
3 determined. With the rising costs of food, fuel, and labor, the
4 department of education requires a better method of determining
5 the price of school meals. Currently, the cost of school lunch
6 is limited to one-half of the cost of preparing the lunch. This
7 Act provides the department of education with greater fiscal
8 flexibility in the preparation of meals by requiring the
9 department of set meal prices at not less than one-half of the
10 cost of preparing meals. The Act also defines "school meals".

11 SECTION 2. Section 302A-101, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
13 and to read as follows:

14 "School meals" means breakfast and lunch prepared and
15 served by a school cafeteria."

16 SECTION 3. Section 302A-404, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended to read as follows:

1 "~~[+]§302A-404[+]~~ **School [~~lunches.~~] meals.** School
2 ~~[lunches]~~ meals shall be made available under the school ~~[lunch]~~
3 meals program in every school where the students are required to
4 eat ~~[lunch]~~ meals at school."

5 SECTION 4. Section 302A-405, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

7 "(a) The price for ~~[the]~~ school ~~[lunch]~~ meals shall be set
8 by the department to ensure that moneys received from the sale
9 of the ~~[lunches may]~~ meals shall be not less than ~~[up to]~~ one-
10 half of the cost of preparing the ~~[school lunch]~~ meals. The
11 ~~[price]~~ prices for ~~[the]~~ school ~~[lunch shall]~~ meals may be
12 adjusted annually based on the ~~[average cost of preparing the~~
13 ~~school lunch over the three years preceding any increase;]~~
14 previous year's costs rounded to the nearest five cents;
15 provided that the department by rule shall provide a lower rate
16 or free ~~[lunches]~~ meals to children based on their economic
17 need."

18 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

Report Title:

Education; School Meals

Description:

Adds a definition of "school meals" to include breakfast and lunch; clarifies that the department of education shall set prices for all school meals, based on the previous year's cost.
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