



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

July 11, 2017

**GOV. MSG. NO. 1308**

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

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth 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 July 11, 2017, the following bill was signed into law:

SB423 SD1 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO STUDENT MEALS  
**ACT 194 (17)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STUDENT MEALS.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 302A-404, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "§302A-404 School meals. (a) School meals shall be made  
4 available under the school meals program in every school where  
5 the students are required to eat meals at school.

6           (b) No student shall be denied a meal solely for failure  
7 to pay:

8           (1) Within the first twenty-one days of the first semester  
9 of a school year while the student's application for  
10 free or reduced lunch is being processed; or

11           (2) Within seven days after a student's meal fund account  
12 reaches a zero or negative balance.

13           (c) The department may adopt rules or policies governing  
14 the collection of funds for student meal accounts with a  
15 negative fund balance; provided that no rule or policy shall  
16 prohibit feeding a student as required pursuant to subsection  
17 (b)."



1 SECTION 2. The department of education shall submit a  
2 report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the  
3 convening of the regular session of 2018 on the prevalence of  
4 students being denied a school meal solely for failure to pay  
5 and any actions taken by the department of education or  
6 individual schools to address this issue. The report shall  
7 include:

- 8 (1) The number of meals that have been denied because of a  
9 zero or negative balance in a student's meal fund  
10 account;
- 11 (2) The number of students who have been denied a meal  
12 because of a zero or negative balance;
- 13 (3) The reasons for the zero or negative balance and  
14 subsequent meal denial;
- 15 (4) Steps the department is taking to make the process of  
16 paying for meals easier;
- 17 (5) Procedures for notifying parents of low or negative  
18 balances, including when and how they are notified;  
19 and
- 20 (6) The standard operating procedure for low or negative  
21 balance notification and subsequent meal denial.



- 1 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
- 2 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.


APPROVED this 11 day of JUL , 2017


  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII**

Date: May 2, 2017  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the  
Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 423, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2017  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017.



Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives