

JAN 23 2025

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROCUREMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that as the largest
2 department in the State with two hundred ninety-five schools and
3 forty-two thousand salaried and part-time employees, the
4 department of education must procure voluminous amounts of goods
5 and services to run its operation. However, the department's
6 small purchase procurement capacity is limited to under \$25,000
7 per twelve-month period, positioning the department as the only
8 state department to not receive an increase threshold of
9 \$100,000 for small purchase procurement.

10 The legislature further finds that the department of
11 education is mandated to provide at least thirty per cent
12 locally sourced foods to Hawaii's public schools by 2030.
13 Increasing the department's small purchase procurement capacity
14 for local edible produce and packaged food products will assist
15 the department in fulfilling its mandate to provide locally
16 sourced foods for the State's public schools.



1 The purpose of this Act is to temporarily adjust the
2 department of education's small purchase procurement capacity
3 by:

4 (1) Exempting purchases of local edible produce and
5 packaged food products less than \$ from the
6 electronic procurement system requirement;

7 (2) Requiring no less than three written quotes for
8 purchases of local edible produce and packaged food
9 products of \$ to less than \$; and

10 (3) Requiring no less than two written quotes for
11 purchases of local edible produce and packaged food
12 products of \$ to less than \$ for
13 certain schools in rural communities.

14 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by adding a new section to part V to be appropriately
16 designated and to read as follows:

17 "§302A- Local edible produce and packaged food products
18 procurement; small purchases. Notwithstanding section 103D-
19 305(c) and any other law to the contrary, procurements of less
20 than \$ for local edible produce and packaged food
21 products for the department shall be exempt from the requirement



1 to conduct procurements through an electronic system and shall
2 instead be subject to no less than three written quotes for
3 procurements of \$ _____ to less than \$ _____ ; provided
4 that the department may allow for no less than two written
5 quotes for procurements of \$ _____ to less than
6 \$ _____ for local edible produce and packaged food products
7 to supply schools in rural communities, as determined by the
8 department; provided further that if the department is unable to
9 receive the required number of written notifications as required
10 by this section, written justification shall be provided and
11 kept by the department."

12 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025, and
14 shall be repealed on June 30, 2028.

15 INTRODUCED BY: 



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Report Title:

Department of Education; Procurement; Small Purchases; Local Produce and Packaged Food Products

Description:

Exempts Department of Education purchases of local edible produce and packaged food products less than a certain amount from the electronic procurement system requirement. Requires at least three written quotes for Department of Education purchases of local edible produce and packaged food products between certain amounts. Requires at least two written quotes for Department of Education purchases of local edible produce and packaged food products between certain amounts for certain schools in rural communities. Sunsets 6/30/2028.

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