
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE SECONDARY-
LEVEL STUDENTS WITH LUNCH IF THEY ARE UNABLE TO PAY, AND
OBTAIN REIMBURSEMENT FROM THEIR PARENTS.

1 WHEREAS, nutrition is essential for students; it provides
2 the necessary energy that students need to master a school day;
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5 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that nutrition-based
6 energy is essential for all students to learn; and

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8 WHEREAS, the Department of Education has a policy that
9 every public school shall provide food services to students with
10 emphasis on foods that contribute to meeting a student's
11 nutritional needs at a minimum charge; and

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13 WHEREAS, it is the current practice of the Department of
14 Education at elementary schools to provide regular breakfast and
15 lunch meals to students who would like a meal, are not eligible
16 for a free meal, and do not have money for the meal at the time
17 that the meal is served; and

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19 WHEREAS, the public elementary school advances the cost for
20 the food for a student from its petty cash account and calls a
21 parent of the student, or sends a note, advising the parent of
22 the loan for any meal and requesting reimbursement not later
23 than the following school day; and

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25 WHEREAS, public schools at the secondary level do not
26 appear to have adopted this policy; and

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28 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that it is in the best
29 interest of students that the public schools provide each
30 student with a nutritional meal, if necessary; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 2 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 3 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
 4 Education is requested to extend to secondary schools, its
 5 policy of providing prepaid meals to students and to obtain
 6 reimbursement from the parents of those students; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
 10 Chairperson of the Board of Education, and the Superintendent of
 11 Education.
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