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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS.

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

1 The legislature finds that all charter schools SECTION 1. 2 in Hawai'i are charted by the state public charter school 3 commission under the oversight of the board of education and 4 subject to the operating parameters of the department of 5 education. The legislature further finds that there are thirtyseven charter schools serving approximately twelve thousand 6 students, of whom approximately seventy per cent would qualify 7 8 for federal food subsidies.

9 The legislature also finds that some charter schools, especially those in rural areas of Hawai'i, are denied access to 10 national school lunch program subsidies because there are no 11 12 United States Department of Agriculture certified kitchens 13 available, other than those in public schools. The legislature 14 further finds that the department of education decided to deny 15 access by charter school students to public school food The legislature further finds that this decision 16 services.



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caused a loss of federal school lunch subsidies for the
 qualifying students.

3 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of 4 education to provide equal access to food service facilities for 5 charter school students and to provide funds to provide school 6 breakfasts and lunches to charter school students.

7 SECTION 2. Section 302A-404, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

9 "(a) School meals shall be made available under the school 10 meals program in every school where the students are required to 11 eat meals at school. <u>School meals shall be made available to</u> 12 students who attend a charter school."

13 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general 14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so 15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for 16 the department of education to provide school meals to students 17 at charter schools, including but not limited to hiring 18 additional staff, purchasing food, and applying for subsidies 19 from the federal government.

20 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of 21 education for the purposes of this Act.



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SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored. 1

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval; 2

3 provided that section 3 shall take effect on July 18.

INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

School Meals; Charter Schools; Department of Education; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the department of education to provide school meals to students at charter schools. Appropriates funds for costs of meals.

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