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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the National School  
2 Lunch Program is a federally assisted meal program for schools.  
3 The National School Lunch Program provides daily low-cost or  
4 free meals to children from households making a certain income.  
5 However, the legislature notes that the department of education  
6 estimates that up to fifteen thousand children each year from  
7 gap groups do not qualify for the National School Lunch Program.

8           The purpose of this Act is to develop a state school meal  
9 subsidy program within the department of education.

10          SECTION 2. (a) The department of education shall develop  
11 and implement a school meal subsidy program for students  
12 attending department schools.

13          (b) The school meal subsidy program shall target children  
14 whose families are not otherwise eligible for free lunch under  
15 the free and reduced price lunch program administered by the  
16 department of education's school food services branch and that  
17 meet the income eligibility participation requirements



1 established by the department of education pursuant to  
2 subsection (c).

3 (c) The department of education shall adopt rules pursuant  
4 to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to carry out the  
5 purposes of the school meal subsidy program established by this  
6 Act, including but not limited to income eligibility  
7 participation requirements and maximum amount of the subsidy  
8 offered by the program.

9 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 to  
12 develop and implement the school meal subsidy program  
13 established by this Act.

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

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2051.



**Report Title:**

Schools; School Meals; Department of Education; Subsidy Program; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes and appropriates funds for a school meal subsidy program within the department of education to provide school lunch subsidies to children whose families do not otherwise qualify for free lunch under the free and reduced price lunch program, subject to income eligibility. Effective 7/1/2050.  
(HD1)

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