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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE FOOD SERVICES BRANCH.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that during the early  
2 stages of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic,  
3 there was an immediate closure of schools operated by the  
4 department of education. For many students, this closure had  
5 the unfortunate effect of not only missing in-person learning,  
6 but also missing the meals provided at school. The United  
7 States Department of Agriculture provided Grab N' Go meals as a  
8 supplement for students, but students living in rural areas were  
9 often not able to participate in this program due to the far  
10 commute or lack of available transportation. For this reason,  
11 many administrators, students, and parents have requested to be  
12 part of the Emergency Meals-To-You program that sends food to  
13 students, but the department of education food services branch  
14 has not allowed participation in this program to certain schools  
15 that have already been designated as a department of education  
16 feeding site.



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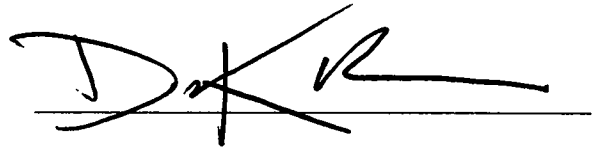
1           The purpose of this Act is to require the department of  
2 education food services branch to participate in available  
3 federal meal programs when feasible.

4           SECTION 2. The department of education food services  
5 branch shall coordinate with the principals and vice principals  
6 of each school operated by the department of education to select  
7 the meal plan offered by the United States Department of  
8 Agriculture, if any, that best fits the student body and campus  
9 of the school. The department of education food services branch  
10 shall not disqualify a school from application or participation  
11 in a federal program based on prior participation in any other  
12 program.

13           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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**Report Title:**

Student Meals; Department of Education Food Services Branch;  
United States Department of Agriculture

**Description:**

Requires the department of education food services branch to coordinate with the principals and vice principals of department schools to determine which school meal program offered by the USDA is the best fit for the student body and campus of each school.

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