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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
FOR FOOD SERVICES.

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

1           SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for  
2 immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of  
3 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

4           SECTION 2. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of  
5 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and  
6 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined  
7 that the general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2023-  
8 2024 has already been exceeded by \$                    or            per cent.  
9 The appropriations contained in this Act will cause the state  
10 general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2023-2024 to be  
11 further exceeded by \$                    or            per cent. This  
12 declaration takes into account the additional general fund  
13 appropriation authorized for fiscal year 2023-2024 in this Act  
14 only. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure  
15 ceiling are that:



1 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to  
2 serve the public interest; and

3 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs  
4 addressed by this Act.

5 SECTION 3. The legislature finds that the department of  
6 education is required to provide meal service for its students  
7 and staff. The department provides about twenty thousand school  
8 breakfasts and eighty thousand school lunches on a daily basis  
9 to students and staff across the State.

10 The legislature further finds that the department of  
11 education has accumulated a deficit of over \$20,000,000 for its  
12 food service operations. This is largely due to inflationary  
13 cost increases. In school year 2022 to 2023, more than eighty  
14 per cent of the department's food costs increased by forty-two  
15 per cent, resulting in the need for additional funds.

16 The legislature also finds that for many students, a school  
17 meal is their only regular source of food for their growing  
18 bodies and minds. School meals must follow strict federal food  
19 safety and nutrition guidelines, which ensures a quality meal.  
20 The department of education plays a vital role in the health and  
21 well-being of youth in our communities.



1           The legislature notes that while students and staff must  
2 pay for their meals, Title I students are provided meals free of  
3 charge. Also, because feeding students is important for their  
4 development, students are not denied a meal due to a lack of  
5 payment, all of which has contributed to this accumulated  
6 deficit.

7           The purpose of this Act is to make an emergency  
8 appropriation to provide funds for the department of education  
9 to cover its food service fiscal deficit and to continue to  
10 provide public school students with high-quality, nutritious  
11 meals at an affordable price.

12           SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
14 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 to  
15 provide funding for the department of education to cover its  
16 food service operations.

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

19           SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



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H.D. 1

**Report Title:**

Emergency Appropriation; DOE; Food Services; Expenditure Ceiling

**Description:**

Makes an emergency appropriation to the Department of Education for its food service operations. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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