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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO FOOD DYES.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that food dye additives  
2 are used to enhance the appearance of food products to be  
3 aesthetically more pleasing and add value to the products.  
4       The legislature further finds that food dyes do not  
5 increase the nutritional quality of food products or improve  
6 safety to the consumer. The United States Food and Drug  
7 Administration has a list of color additives approved use for  
8 human food. Some food dye additives are manufactured as powders  
9 and liquids and are used in baked goods, dairy products, dry  
10 mixes, and a variety of other products. California has recently  
11 banned foods containing six specified food dye additives:  
12 Blue 1, Blue 2, Green 3, Red 40, Yellow 5, and Yellow 6 from  
13 being sold to students in schools. The National Library of  
14 Medicine has several publications, including Toxicology of Food  
15 Dyes, that proves many United States-approved food dyes,  
16 including Blue 1, Blue 2, Green 3, Red 40, Yellow 5, and  
17 Yellow 6, raise health concerns, especially in adolescents.



1       Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to prohibit the  
2 food dye additives Blue 1, Blue 2, Green 3, Red 40, Yellow 5,  
3 and Yellow 6 from being served to students in state department  
4 of education and charter schools.

5       SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
6 amended by adding a new section to part II, subpart C, to be  
7 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

8       "**§302A-       School meals; prohibited food dyes.** No school  
9 meal available under a school meals program shall contain any of  
10 the following substances:

11       (1) Blue 1 (Chemical Abstracts Service number 3844-45-9);

12       (2) Blue 2 (Chemical Abstracts Service number 860-22-0);

13       (3) Green 3 (Chemical Abstracts Service number 2353-45-9);

14       (4) Red 40 (Chemical Abstracts Service number 25956-17-6);

15       (5) Yellow 5 (Chemical Abstracts Service

16       number 1934-21-0); or

17       (6) Yellow 6 (Chemical Abstracts Service

18       number 2783-94-0)."

19       SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.



1       SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



# S.B. NO. 791

**Report Title:**

DOE; School Meals; Food Dyes; Charter Schools

**Description:**

Prohibits certain food dye additives from being served in school meals of the Department of Education and charter schools.

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