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GOV. MSG. NO. 1216

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

June 8, 2026

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate,
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 8, 2026, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. NO. 2300, H.D. 1, S.D. 1,
C.D. 1

RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
PROCUREMENT.
ACT 116

Mahalo,

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROCUREMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 134, Session
2 Laws of Hawaii 2025, provides a temporary adjustment, until its
3 June 30, 2028, sunset date, to the department of education's
4 small purchase procurement capacity by exempting purchases of
5 local edible produce and packaged food products of less than
6 \$250,000 from the electronic procurement system requirement and
7 instead requiring no less than three written quotes for those
8 purchases.

9 The legislature also finds that, as the largest department
10 in the State with two hundred ninety-six schools and forty-two
11 thousand salaried and part-time employees, the department of
12 education must procure voluminous amounts of goods and services
13 to run its operation.

14 The legislature further finds that the department of
15 education is mandated to provide at least thirty per cent
16 locally sourced foods to Hawaii's public schools by 2030.
17 Increasing the department's small purchase procurement capacity



1 for local edible produce and packaged food products will assist
2 the department in fulfilling its mandate to provide locally
3 sourced foods for the State's public schools.

4 The legislature notes, however, that to effectuate Act 134,
5 Session Laws of Hawaii 2025, the department requires that new
6 statutory language allow for small purchase procurement of more
7 than \$100,000 for local edible produce and packaged food
8 products.

9 The purpose of this Act is to effectuate Act 134, Session
10 Laws of Hawaii 2025, by:

11 (1) Exempting department of education purchases of local
12 edible produce and packaged food products less than
13 \$200,000 from the electronic procurement system; and

14 (2) Prohibiting the artificial division and parceling of
15 such procurements to be considered as small purchases.

16 SECTION 2. Section 302A-1317, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 "~~[+]§302A-1317[+]~~ **Local edible produce and packaged food**
19 **products procurement; small purchases.** (a) Notwithstanding
20 section [~~103D-305(e)~~] 103D-305(a) and (c) and any other law to
21 the contrary, procurements of less than [~~\$250,000~~] \$200,000 for



1 local edible produce and packaged food products for the
2 department shall be exempt from the requirement to conduct
3 procurements through an electronic system and shall instead be
4 subject to no less than three written quotes; provided that if
5 the department is unable to receive the required number of
6 written notifications as required by this section, written
7 justification shall be provided and kept by the department.

8 (b) Notwithstanding section 103D-305(a), multiple
9 expenditures for procurements of local edible produce and
10 packaged food products made pursuant to this section shall not
11 be created at the inception of a transaction or project so as to
12 evade the requirements of chapter 103D; provided that
13 procurement requirements shall not be artificially divided or
14 parceled so as to constitute a small purchase."

15 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval,
18 and shall be repealed on June 30, 2028.



H.B. NO. 2300
H.D. 1
S.D. 1
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 8th day of June, 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Josh M...', written in a cursive style.

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 2300, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 6, 2026
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026.



Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives


THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: May 6, 2026
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2026.



President of the Senate



Clerk of the Senate