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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO SCHOOL CAFETERIA MEAL COSTS.

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

1       SECTION 1. Section 302A-405, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended as follows:

3       1. By amending subsection (a) to read:

4       "(a) The price for school meals shall be set by the  
5 department to ensure that moneys received from the sale of the  
6 meals shall be not less than [~~one-half~~] one-quarter of the cost  
7 of preparing the meals. The prices for school meals may be  
8 adjusted annually based on the previous year's costs rounded to  
9 the nearest five cents; provided that the department by rule  
10 shall provide a lower rate or free meals to children based on  
11 their economic need."

12       2. By amending subsection (c) to read:

13       "(c) It is the intent of this section not to jeopardize  
14 the receipt of any federal aid and to the extent, and only to  
15 the extent necessary to effectuate this intent, the governor may  
16 modify the strict provisions of this section, but shall promptly  
17 report [~~any such~~] the modification with the governor's reasons



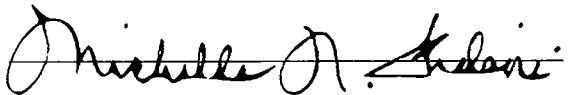
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1 therefor to the next succeeding session of the legislature for  
2 review."

3 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY: 



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**Report Title:**

DOE; School Cafeteria Meals; Costs

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Education to charge not less than one-quarter of the cost of preparing a school meal for each school meal.

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