
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the department of
2 education's school food services (SFS) branch is tasked with the
3 important mission of providing meals in hundreds of public
4 schools on a daily basis. A January 2013 report of the
5 department's internal audit reveals that the department took a
6 critical look at its SFS branch, which supports 256 schools by
7 feeding over 100,000 students and school staff daily over the
8 course of a school year. The report focused on SFS branch
9 processes relating to school level purchases, school level
10 collections, and staffing recommendations.

11 The audit found the SFS branch to be functioning at an
12 "unacceptable" level and specifically cited the following
13 issues:

14 (1) Unclear ownership of the food purchasing and meal
15 payment collection processes;

16 (2) Lack of oversight, monitoring, and accountability of
17 purchases;



- 1 (3) Insufficient controls in the collection process;
- 2 (4) Lack of current and comprehensive School Food Services
- 3 purchasing policies and procedures;
- 4 (5) Lack of technology in menu planning, ordering, and
- 5 inventory;
- 6 (6) Inconsistent completion and/or retention of required
- 7 forms and supporting documentation and inconsistent adherence to
- 8 procedures; and
- 9 (7) No clear articulation as to the method of staffing
- 10 school kitchens and vulnerability to manipulation.

11 The legislature further finds that the board of education
12 has not only candidly and wholeheartedly acknowledged the need
13 for better control and oversight of these issues, but is also
14 actively seeking workable solutions. As such, the legislature
15 commends the board for taking full responsibility for the
16 management issues highlighted in the internal audit and desires
17 to support a proactive approach to identifying, analyzing, and
18 resolving these systemic problems.

19 The legislature shares the board's and department's
20 commitment to providing the State's keiki with healthy, cost-
21 effective school meals. The legislature believes that one way



1 to accomplish this is to financially support the department's
2 efforts to remedy the systemic issues plaguing the SFS branch.

3 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds
4 to the department of education to facilitate improved management
5 and oversight of the school food services branch.

6 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$_____ or so much
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and the
9 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
10 2014-2015 to carry out the purposes of this Act, including the
11 hiring of necessary staff.

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

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

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Report Title:

Department of Education School Food Services Program;
Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to improve the management and oversight of
the School Food Services Program.

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