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CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA IN SUPPORT OF THE
PASSAGE OF BILLS BY THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE FOR FUNDING OF SCHOOL
MEAL PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, nutrition is the building block to every individuals health and contributes to a well-balanced lifestyle;

WHEREAS, insufficient nutrition puts children at risk for illness, weakens their immune system, negatively affects cognitive and behavioral development;

WHEREAS, over 70,000 Alaskans annually visit a local food bank, many of which have children under the age of 18;

WHEREAS, obesity rates of all children and adolescents have tripled in just one generation;

WHEREAS, the environments to which children are exposed in their daily lives – schools, childcare facilities, and their communities – can influence the healthfulness of their diets;

WHEREAS, schools play a critical role in improving the dietary and physical activity behaviors of children and adolescents;

WHEREAS, schools can create environments supportive of students’ efforts to eat healthy and be active by implementing policies and practices that support healthy eating, regular physical activity and provide opportunities for students to practice these healthy behaviors;

WHEREAS, many Alaskan schools struggle with the costs associated with providing nutritional meals; and

WHEREAS, current versions of SB 3 and HB 132 before the Alaska Legislature will provide additional financial support for school lunch and breakfast meal programs offered in Alaska that will help to increase nutritional value of school meals and the ability to reach more children.

1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Assembly and City and Borough of
2 Sitka, Alaska strongly endorses the passage of bills before the Alaska State Legislature that fund
3 school meals, such as the current versions of SB 3 and HB 132.

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5 **PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Assembly of the City and Borough of
6 Sitka, Alaska, on this 14 day of February, 2012.

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Cheryl Westover
Mayor

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11 ATTEST:

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Colleen Ingman, MMC
Municipal Clerk

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 3(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/23/11

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATORS WIELECHOWSKI, ELLIS, DAVIS, EGAN, FRENCH, KOOKESH, MCGUIRE,
MENARD, PASKVAN, AND THOMAS

REPRESENTATIVES Kawasaki, Petersen, Kerttula, Muñoz

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act providing for funding for school lunch and breakfast; and providing for an
2 effective date."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
5 to read:

6 STATE FUNDING FOR SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST. (a) To supplement
7 the cost of lunch and breakfast provided to each student who is eligible for a free or reduced-
8 price lunch under 42 U.S.C. 1771 - 1784, in addition to public school funding and subject to
9 appropriation, the Department of Education and Early Development shall provide funding to a
10 school district of 15 cents for lunch and 35 cents for breakfast to each eligible student. For
11 each meal, the department shall add an additional amount, expressed in cents and not applied
12 as a cost factor, that is determined by

13 (1) reducing the applicable district cost factor provided in AS 14.17.460 by
14 1.0; and

1 (2) dividing the remainder determined under (1) of this subsection by four; the
2 department shall round to the nearest cent a quotient that is not a whole number.

3 (b) In this section, "district" has the meaning given in AS 14.17.990.

4 * **Sec. 2.** Section 1 of this Act is repealed June 30, 2014.

5 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

Senate Bill 3: "An Act providing for funding for school lunch and breakfast."



Senate Bill 3 will provide a state match for schools participating in the federal Free and Reduced Price School Breakfast and Lunch Program.

This legislation will encourage more schools to provide nutritious meals for underprivileged children and allow schools that already do so to improve their programs. Currently in Alaska, twenty percent (20%) of schools participating in the school lunch program do not offer school breakfast, impacting 22,253 Alaskan children, 6,850 of whom are children from low income families who qualify for free or reduced price meals. For many children, these are the only nutritious meals they will get on a regular basis. Alaska is one of the only states that does not help supplement the program.

This legislation will provide school districts with a base amount of 35 cents for each breakfast served and 15 cents per lunch. To compensate for higher costs, rural schools will receive additional assistance through a funding formula based on the applicable School District Cost Factor for each district.

In addition to fighting childhood hunger, investing in school meals has been shown to improve school attendance and performance, reduce violence, and combat childhood obesity.

This legislation was requested by the Food Bank of Alaska, The Alaska Food Coalition, and the Alaska School Nutrition Association; and currently has been endorsed by the Yakutat Board of Education, the Petersburg Indian Association, the Petersburg School District, the Lower Kuskokwim School District, the Bering Strait School Board, the Cordova School District, the Yupiit School District, the Kenai Peninsula School District, the Chugach School District, the Anchorage School District, the Homer Food Pantry and the AARP.

27th Legislature(2011-2012)

Bill History/Action for 27 Legislature

BILL: SB 3

SHORT TITLE: FUNDING FOR SC

BILL VERSION: CSSB 3(FIN)

CURRENT STATUS: (H) FIN

STATUS DATE: 03/07/11

SPONSOR(s): SENATOR(S) WIELECHOWSKI, ELLIS, DAVIS, EGAN, FRENCH, KOOKI
MENARD, PASKVAN, THOMAS

REPRESENTATIVE(S)Kawasaki, Petersen, Kerttula, Munoz

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- 02/28/11 0395 (S) FIN CS ADOPTED UNAN CONSENT
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- 02/28/11 0398 (S) VERSION: CSSB 3(FIN)
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- 03/29/11 0629 (H) CROSS SPONSOR(S): MUNOZ

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HOUSE BILL NO. 132

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES MUÑOZ, Seaton, Herron, Kerttula, Tuck, Petersen, Kawasaki, Gara

Introduced: 1/28/11
Referred: Education, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act providing for funding for school lunch and breakfast."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 14.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 14.03.127. State funding for school lunch and breakfast.** (a) To
5 supplement the cost of lunch and breakfast provided to each student who is eligible for
6 a free or reduced-price lunch under 42 U.S.C. 1771 - 1784, in addition to public school
7 funding and subject to appropriation, the department shall provide funding to a school
8 district of 15 cents for lunch and 35 cents for breakfast to each eligible student. For
9 each meal, the department shall add an additional amount, expressed in cents and not
10 applied as a cost factor, that is determined by

11 (1) reducing the applicable district cost factor provided in
12 AS 14.17.460 by 1.0; and

13 (2) dividing the remainder determined under (1) of this subsection by
14 four; the department shall round to the nearest cent a quotient that is not a whole
15 number.

1 (b) Beginning July 1, 2012, the base amount under (a) of this section shall be
2 adjusted annually on October 1 according to changes in the Consumer Price Index for
3 all urban consumers for the Anchorage metropolitan area compiled by the United
4 States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. The index for 2009 is the
5 reference base index for an adjustment made under this subsection.

6 (c) In this section, "district" has the meaning given in AS 14.17.990.

The 27th Alaska State Legislature, 1st Session



Sponsor Statement: House Bill 132

Funding For School Meals

Sponsored by Rep. Cathy Muñoz

Co-Sponsors: Rep. Seaton, Rep. Herron, Rep. Kerttula, Rep. Tuck, Rep. Petersen, Rep. Kawasaki, Rep. Gara

"An Act providing for funding for school lunch and breakfast."

Posted: February 7, 2011
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Contact: [Kendra Kloster](mailto:Kendra.Kloster@legis.alaska.gov), 465-4712

House Bill 132 will provide a state match of 35 cents for each breakfast served and 15 cents per lunch for schools participating in the federal Free and Reduced Price School Breakfast and Lunch Program. Currently, Alaska is one of twelve states that does not provide a state match and is amongst the bottom ten states for participation in the school meals program.

With an increased school participation rate to 60% Alaska has the opportunity to receive an additional \$1.9 million in federal funds which would greatly offset the state share.

One out of eight Alaskan families struggle to feed their families. While the school lunch program feeds over 36,000 students at a free or reduced rate for lunch, and over 18,000 for breakfast, only 20% of participating schools offer breakfast, impacting 22,253 Alaskan children, 6,850 of these children are from low income families who qualify for free or reduced price meals. HB 132 provides an opportunity to offer more nutritious meals to a greater number of children.

Multiple studies have shown students who eat breakfast consistently improve in math, language, reading and vocabulary. Test scores increase, higher rates of attendance and a decrease in tardiness also occurs, with fewer behavioral problems and lower obesity rates.

This legislation is supported by the Food Bank of Alaska, The Alaska Food Coalition, Alaska School Nutrition Association, and has been endorsed by numerous school districts.



Rep. Cathy Muñoz (R-4)
Chair, (H) CRA Com.

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BILL: HB 132

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STATUS DATE: 02/16/11

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