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Committee: House Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 0173 RELATING TO SCHOOL MEALS.

Purpose of Bill: Modifies the method by which the prices of school meals are determined.

Department's Position: The Department of Education (DOE) supports this bill. It will enable the DOE to adjust breakfast and lunch meal prices in response to market fluctuations in food and shipping costs. It will also allow this revenue-related fund to subsidize possible budget-related shortfalls.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.