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Committee: House Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 0160, SD2 (SSCR722) RELATING TO SCHOOL MEALS.

Purpose of Bill: Adds a definition of "school meals" to include breakfast and lunch; clarifies that the department of education shall set prices for all school meals, based on the previous year's cost. (SD2)

Department's Position: The Department of Education (DOE) supports this measure. 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 school food services shortfalls.