

SB160

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Committee: Senate Education and
Housing

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 0160 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.

Department's Position: The Department of Education (DOE) supports this bill as it will enable the DOE to adjust its meal prices annually in response to changes in costs, and reduces the possibility that funds for food subsidies will need to be taken from other educational programs. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.