

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2683

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 04 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2426

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2426 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STUDENT MEALS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to ensure that students are provided with adequate nutrition during the school day.

Specifically, the measure prohibits public schools from denying a student a meal solely for failure to pay under certain limited situations related to the processing of an application for free or reduced lunch or the initial period of a deficient meal fund account balance.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Education, Hawaii State Teachers Association, and the LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that cases of chronic hunger can lead to achievement gaps, concentration loss, illness, increased absenteeism, behavioral problems, depression, and misdiagnosed learning disabilities. Your Committee also finds that the provision of a nutritious meal helps to ensure that needy students are well-fed and ready to learn. Thus, your Committee believes that this measure will prevent students from unnecessarily being denied free or reduced meals at school due to pending eligibility or accounting issues.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2426 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,



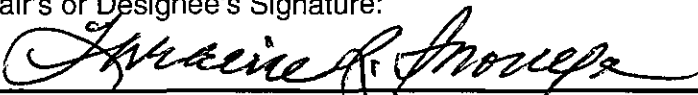
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JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2426	EDU, WAM	7/26/2016		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)				✓
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				✓
HARIMOTO, Breene				✓
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				✓
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	6			5 In
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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