STAND. COM. REP. NO. 306

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24

, 2017

RE:

S.B. No. 423

S.D. 1 H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2017 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 423, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit public schools from denying a student a meal solely for failure to pay. This prohibition applies for a specified number of days while the student's application for free or reduced lunch is being processed or when a student's meal fund account reaches a zero or negative balance. This measure also requires the Department of Education to submit a report to the Legislature on the issue of students' being denied a meal solely for failure to pay.

The Hawaii State Teachers Association, Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice, Hawaii Children's Action Network, and three concerned individuals supported this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adjusting from 30 days to 21 days the length of time during the first semester of a school year that a student cannot be denied a meal solely for failure to pay while the student's application for free or reduced lunch is being processed;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2051, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 423, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 423, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Education,

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-ninth Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

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EDN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	X			
2. HAR, Sharon E. (VC)	X X			
3. CREAGAN, Richard P.	<u> </u>			
4. HASHEM, Mark J.	X			
5. ING, Kaniela				X
6. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.				<u> </u>
7. OHNO, Takashi	<u> </u>			
8. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	Χ			
9. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohi	lani		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	X
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Vice Chair's or designee's signature:	Sum CO			
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