

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1787

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2019

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RE: H.R. No. 198

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Lower & Higher Education, to which was referred H.R. No. 198 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO OFFER VEGETARIAN MEAL OPTIONS IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT LEAST ONCE WEEKLY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request that the Department of Education offer vegetarian meal options in all public schools at least once weekly to promote a healthy lifestyle and environmental consciousness for Hawaii's youth.

The Hawaii State Teachers Association, 350.org Hawaii, We Are One, and numerous individuals submitted testimony in support of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Department of Education is requested to provide weekly vegetarian options for lunch meals only;
- (2) Indicating that offering vegetarian meals may increase demand for local greens and promote local farming; and

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(3) Requesting that weekly vegetarian lunch meals provided by the Department of Education be based on healthy greens or similar quality fruits and vegetables.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Lower & Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 198, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 198, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Lower & Higher
Education,



JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Lower & Higher Education

Bill/Resolution No.: HR 198	Committee Referral: LHE, FIN	Date: 3/18/19		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
LHE Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	✓			
2. HASHEM, Mark J. (VC)				✓
3. PERRUSO, Amy A. (VC)	✓			
4. DeCOITE, Lynn	✓			
5. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling				✓
6. KOBAYASHI, Dale T.	✓			
7. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
8. QUINLAN, Sean	✓			
9. TARNAS, David A.	✓			
10. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				✓
11. OKIMOTO, Val				✓
TOTAL (11)	7			4
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>David Carnas</i></u>				
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