

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

237

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2019

RE: S.B. No. 594  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 594 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for a school meal subsidy program within the Department of Education to provide school lunch subsidies to children whose families do not otherwise qualify under the federal free and reduced price lunch program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education, Hawaii State Teachers Association, O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the National School Lunch Program is a federally assisted meal program for schools that provides daily low-cost or free meals to children from households making a certain income. However, the Department of Education estimates that up to fifteen thousand children each year from gap groups do not qualify for the National School Lunch Program. Providing equal access to food services for students ensures that all public school students are provided quality education and school meals.

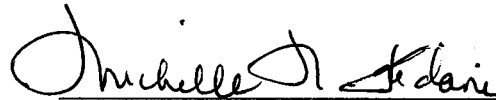
Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Specifying that the school meal subsidy program shall target children whose families are not otherwise eligible for free lunch under the free and reduced price lunch program and who meet program income eligibility requirements; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 594, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 594, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



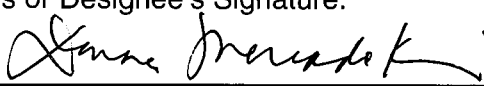
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MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 594</i>	Committee Referral: <i>EDU, WAM</i>	Date: <i>2/8/19</i>		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	/			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>5</i>			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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