

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

458

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2021

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RE: H.B. No. 443

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 443 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL FOOD PROGRAMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure require the Department of Education to conduct a comprehensive cost analysis of the Department's food services and student meals program to make recommendations regarding the ways in which the Department can increase the use of locally grown agricultural products and report to the Legislature on its results.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, Ulupono Initiative, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Primary Care Association, Local Food Coalition, Food+ Policy Internship, Hawai'i Public Health Institute, Hawai'i Farm to School Hui, Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, and eight individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that most children in public schools do not eat the daily recommended allowance of fresh fruits and vegetables or whole grains, and their diets include too many empty calories and high sodium levels. This often occurs because local

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families cannot afford to feed their children nutritious food. Your Committee further finds that many health issues in children are closely related to lack of nutritious food. Your Committee believes that this measure will assist the Department of Education in identifying fresh, locally grown products to be used in student meals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of 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 H.B. No. 443, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 443, H.D. 1.

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

  
JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Thirty-first Legislature **HSCR 458**

**Record of Votes of the Committee on Education**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB443	<b>Committee Referral:</b> AGR, EDN, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 2/16/2021		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <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)				
<b>EDN Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	✓			
2. KAPELA, Jeanne (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. DeCOITE, Lynn	✓			
5. GANADEN, Sonny	✓			
6. GATES, Cedric Asuega	✓			
7. HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓			
8. OHNO, Takashi				✓
9. QUINLAN, Sean	✓			
10. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
11. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
12. OKIMOTO, Val	✓			
<b>TOTAL (12)</b>	11	0	0	1
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <span style="margin-left: 150px;">committee acronym(s)</span>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b>				
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