

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 10 2021

RE: S.B. No. 1385
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 1385 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Education to develop a reorganization plan to provide students and schools with centralized food and transportation services; and
- (2) Require the provision of locally produced food to increase in an unspecified percentage annually for five years.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education and Ulupono Initiative.

Your Committee finds that currently, the overall program management and service delivery of public school food and transportation services are, for the most part, centralized. Reorganization to provide further centralization in both areas could lead to additional efficiencies and service improvements. Your Committee further finds that the implementation of centralized kitchens may also assist in increasing the procurement of foods directly from local farmers. Centralized kitchens will



allow farmers to deliver food directly to one site for multiple schools within that area as opposed to having many delivery points across the islands, easing the burden of the farmers.

Centralizing food services may therefore increase local farmer participation in bid solicitations and help to further the farm-to-school program's aim of increasing the procurement of local produce and food as contemplated. This measure will improve food and transportation services in schools and better provide healthy and locally grown food to students.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the reorganization plan is to provide student and schools with centralized transportation services, not food services;
- (2) Specifying that the department of education is to develop a plan to provide students with locally produced food and that locally produced food that is purchased for school meals shall increase by five per cent annually until 2026;
- (3) Specifying that the report to the Legislature shall include food service delivery models customized to the needs of schools broken down by complex area;
- (4) Specifying that the report shall include information on how reorganization will look for efficiencies by reducing food waste, increasing school meal participation, and promoting a healthy menu; and
- (5) Specifying that the report shall also include projected cost-savings and increased student benefits such as healthier diets and increased nutrition knowledge.

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. 1385, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1385, 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,

Michelle N. Kidani

MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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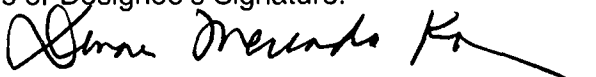
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 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	/			
TOTAL	5			

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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