

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1638

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27, 2025

RE: H.C.R. No. 111

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 111 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION TO PROVIDE A DETAILED REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON  
THE TRUE COST OF PRODUCING SCHOOL MEALS TO ENSURE  
TRANSPARENCY AND AVOID UNNECESSARY PRICE INCREASES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Education to provide a detailed report to the Legislature on the true cost of producing school meals to ensure transparency and avoid unnecessary prices.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Healthy Eating, Active Living; Hawai'i Hunger Action Network; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Education cites the current cost of producing a student lunch at \$9.00. Your Committee further finds that the Department of Education has proposed an increase in school meal prices, which would lead to an increase in the price of student lunch from \$2.50 to \$4.75 for grades kindergarten through eight and from \$2.75 to \$5.00 for

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grades nine through twelve by the 2028-2029 school year. Your Committee believes that an increase in prices for school meals will negatively impact Hawaii's working families and students that receive free or reduced-price meals and finds it essential that proper reporting processes are in place to provide transparency as to the costs of producing school meals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 111 and recommends its adoption.

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

*for Justin LaChica*  
JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HCR 111</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EDN</b>	Date: <b>3/20/25</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)				
EDN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
2. LA CHICA, Trish (VC)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
3. AMATO, Terez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
4. EVSLIN, Luke A.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
5. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. KAPELA, Jeanne				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. KILA, Darius K.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
8. OLDS, Ikaika	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
9. SAYAMA, Jackson D.				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10. MURAOKA, Christopher L.				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11. SOUZA, Kanani	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
TOTAL (11)	<b>7</b>			<b>4</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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