

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 1075
H.D. 1

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.B. No. 1075 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL MEALS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to reduce the minimum revenue requirement from the sale of school meals from one-half to one-quarter of the cost of preparing the school meals.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Healthy Eating, Active Living Coalition; and Hawai'i Food Bank. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice.

Your Committee finds that access to nutritious meals is essential for students' academic success and overall well-being. However, the increasing cost of school meals places an undue burden on families, leading to reduced student participation in school meal programs. This measure will reduce the required meal cost offset collection and will make school meals in Department of Education schools more affordable.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the price for school meals shall be set by the Department of Education to ensure that monies received from the sale of the meals shall be no more than one-quarter of the cost of preparing meals;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (3) 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. 1075, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1075, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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


JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold
 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)	1			
2. LA CHICA, Trish (VC)	1			
3. AMATO, Terez	1			
4. EVSLIN, Luke A.	1			
5. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya	1			
6. KAPELA, Jeanne	1			
7. KILA, Darius K.	1			
8. OLDS, Ikaika	1			
9. SAYAMA, Jackson D.	1			
10. MURAOKA, Christopher L.	1			
11. SOUZA, Kanani	1			
TOTAL (11)	11			

The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: *Trish La Chica*

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