STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1439

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 , 2025

RE: S.B. No. 894

S.D. 3 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 S.B. No. 894, S.D. 3, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Education for statewide regional kitchen expansion to fulfill the Department's statutory mandate to provide farm to school meals that consist of at least thirty percent locally sourced products.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Department of Agriculture; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Agribusiness Development Corporation; University of Hawai'i at Mānoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that school food programs serve an essential function in providing meals to students and improving the health of Hawaii's students through nutritious and fresh, locally grown foods. Your Committee further finds that schools

are experiencing difficulties in providing meals to students, including outdated equipment and limited space to handle fresh food products effectively. This measure appropriates funds to the Department of Education for statewide regional kitchen expansion which will streamline food processing and utilize labor more effectively, thereby ensuring that students will receive quality school meals made with fresh and local ingredients.

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. 894, S.D. 3, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members 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
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10. MURAOKA, Christopher L.			-	
11. SOUZA, Kanani				
				
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The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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