STAND. COM. REP. NO. 546

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 1 4 2025

RE: S.B. No. 894 S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2025 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 894, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Education to fulfill the local farm-to-school meal goal requiring thirty percent of the food served in public schools to consist of locally sourced products.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education, Hawai'i Food+ Policy, Ka Ohana O Na Pua, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that nutritious, balanced meals made with locally sourced and local value-added products promote healthy dietary choices among students. This measure ensures the Department of Education can attain its goal of thirty percent of food served in public schools to consist of locally sourced products by 2030 and further supports the local agriculture industry.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.



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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. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 894, S.D. 2, 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, Chair



The Senate Thirty-Third Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

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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 Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (W	R) Na	y Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)					
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)		1			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.					1
KANUHA, Dru Mamo		/			
DECORTE, Samantha					1
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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