STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3182

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 0 5 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2083

H.D. 3 S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 2083, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide for the establishment of programs within the Department of Education relating to school meals.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires the Department of Education to establish a recognition program to incentivize certain schools to submit a plan to reach the State's local farm to school meal goal; and
- (2) Authorizes the Department of Education to establish a plant-based meal pilot program at Mililani High School to provide a plant-based meal option at the school, and to report to the Legislature.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Mililani High School, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, 350 Hawaii, Center for Getting Things Started, Down to Earth Organic & Natural, Hawaii Alliance for

Progressive Action, Hawaii Farmers Union, Hawaii Food+ Policy, and numerous individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Education, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Hawaii Farm Bureau, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that providing plant-based meal options at Department of Education schools will promote healthier and more environmentally conscious school meals. Your Committee also finds that incentivizing schools to develop plans to reach the State's local farm to school meal goal will help to support the State's agricultural industry.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2083, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

DONOVAN M DELA CRUZ Chair

## The Senate Thirty-Second Legislature State of Hawai'i

## Record of Votes Committee on Ways and Means WAM

	Committee			Date:	
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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 (WP	R) Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)		X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)		Х			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.		X			
DECOITE, Lynn		X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.		X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.					
KANUHA, Dru Mamo		X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.					X
KIM, Donna Mercado		X			
LEE, Chris		X X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.		X			
WAKAI, Glenn		X			
FEVELLA, Kurt					LX
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Recommendation:  Adopted  Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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