

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 03 2023**

RE: S.B. No. 154  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 154, 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 reduce hunger in Hawaii's public schools by expanding access to school meal subsidies for students.

More specifically, the measure:

- (1) Requires the Department of Education to develop and implement a school meal subsidy program intended for students whose families are not otherwise eligible for free lunch under the Department's current program, subject to income eligibility participation requirements; and
- (2) Appropriates funds for the school meal subsidy program.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Education, Executive Office on Early Learning, Hawaii State Teachers Association, State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Hawaii Public Health Institute, Malama Kaua`i, Democratic Party of Hawaii Education Caucus, Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!, Hawaii Alliance for Progressive



Action, Hawaii Hunger Action Network, Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice, and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that, according to the Department of Education, an estimated fifteen thousand children each year from gap groups do not qualify for free or low-cost school lunches, and that the program established by this measure will help to close that gap.

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 S.B. No. 154, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

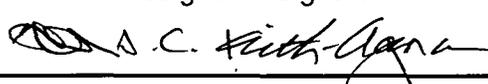
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB154, SDI</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EDU, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/20/23</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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