

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1512

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 02 2025

RE: S.C.R. No. 134

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.C.R.
No. 134 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION TO PROVIDE A DETAILED REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON
THE TRUE COST OF PRODUCING SCHOOL MEALS TO ENSURE
TRANSPARENCY AND AVOID UNNECESSARY PRICE INCREASES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the
Department of Education to provide a detailed report to the
Legislature on the true cost of producing school meals to ensure
transparency and avoid unnecessary price increases.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the
Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Education has a
statutory mandate to ensure that funds received from the sale of
school meals are at least one-half the cost of preparing the
meals. While costs associated with food service have increased in
the last decade, there are no codified reporting procedures for
the Department of Education to report costs. Without accurate
data, students and families are unable to ascertain the
justification for increases to meal costs, which negatively impact
students who receive free or reduced-price meals. Encouraging the
Department of Education to establish proper reporting processes



will enable transparency, effective communication, and fiscal responsibility for meal preparation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 134 and recommends its adoption.

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



MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR 134	Committee Referral: EDU	Date: 3/31/2025		
<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
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)	✓			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
TOTAL	6			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes