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TO: Senate Education COMMITTEE

RE: SB2426 Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

Prohibits denying a student a meal for the first: (1) thirty days of a semester while the student's application for free or reduced lunch is being processed; or (2) week the student's meal fund balance is zero or negative.

Aloha Senator Kidani and members of the Human Services Committee,

Rainbow Family 808 wholeheartedly supports HSB2426 to establish policies to cover lunches for students that addresses the bureaucracy that prohibits students from necessary nutrients for the students to perform at top of their ability.

I base my testimony on my mother's belief that no one should be hungry in the USA. This belief has moved me in my actions to feed the hungry unaccompanied homeless youth. Please cut through the bureaucracy that forbids DOE from doing what is common sense and will assist all hungry students.

SB2340 is a Humanitarian Measure that needs to become law immediately to help bring justice and humanity to the forefront to our state.

Mahalo nui loa,¹

Carolyn Martinez Golojuch, MSW

President

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Comments: Additional note: ALL students should be able to get free lunch in our State. Also, students who are houseless often have issues getting the forms into their respective schools for various reasons. Please note this in your discussions.

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