STAND. COM. REP. NO. **276** -24

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 ' 2024

RE: H.B. No. 1775

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 1775 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Education to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students enrolled in a Department school beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Teachers Association; North Shore Nutrition; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Hawai'i Hunger Action Network; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice; IATSE Local 665; AlohaCare; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; Hawai'i Public Health Association; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Parents for Public Schools of Hawai'i; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that student success demands a nourished body. Without a proper meal, students may face cases of chronic hunger, leading to poor performance in school. This measure will

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provide universal free school breakfasts and lunches to all students to ensure each student's wellness through receiving at least two meals in school.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Directing the appropriation amount to the Department of Education's School Food Services Branch for the total plate costs associated with providing universal free school breakfasts and lunches in Department of Education schools as required by this measure after federal funding has been accounted; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000.

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 H.B. No. 1775, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1775, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

JUS IN H. WOODSON, Chair

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## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Education**

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
HB1775	60N, FIN 2/8/24			
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is)  Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold  Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EDN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)				
2. LA CHICA, Trish (VC)				
3. KAPELA, Jeanne				2.100
4. MARTEN, Lisa				
5. MARTINEZ, Rose				
6. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z.				
7. MIZUNO, May Besario				2. 2. 3. 3. 10 15 25 4 2
8. PERRUSO, Amy A.			78 TO 10	
9. QUINLAN, Sean				
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10. TODD, Chris				Balleri (20
11. GARCIA, Diamond				anijana kapan
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TOTAL (11)	_ 9			
The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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