STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1022

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 424 H.D. 2

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2025 State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 424, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Education to provide free breakfast and lunch to students enrolled in a Department of Education school who meet certain requirements, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year;
- (2) Reduce the amount the Department of Education is authorized to charge for school meals to all students enrolled in department schools to no more than one-quarter of the cost of preparing the meals; and
- (3) Appropriate funds for the total plate costs associated with providing the free school breakfasts and lunches.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Youth Services Network; EPD Corp.; Lou's Quality Home Health Care Services, LLC; Malama Kaua'i; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Hawai'i Foodbank; Hawai'i Children's Action Network

Speaks!; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; AlohaCare; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; and three individuals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the amount the Department of Education is authorized to charge for school meals to all students enrolled in department schools to an unspecified portion of the cost of preparing the meals; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 424, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 424, H.D. 2.

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

KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

	Committee Referral: EDN, F(N		Date: 2 20 25	
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)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (C)				
2. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna (VC)				
3. GRANDINETTI, Tina Nakada				
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5. HUSSEY, Ikaika		TOP EMPERIMENT IN		
6. KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, Sue L.				
7. KITAGAWA, Lisa				
8. KUSCH, Matthias9. LAMOSAO, Rachele F.				
10. LEE, Mike				
11. MIYAKE, Tyson K.				
12. MORIKAWA, Dee				
13. TEMPLO, Shirley Ann				
14. ALCOS III, David		ennymany ara obliga i ambana can ara-		
15. REYES ODA, Julie				
16. WARD, Gene				
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TOTAL (16)	14	0	0	~
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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