

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1948

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1300
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

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 S.B. No. 1300, S.D. 1, 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) Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, expand free school meal coverage to students who currently qualify for reduced-price lunch;
- (2) Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, expand free school meal coverage to students whose family income is no more than three hundred percent of the federal poverty level; and
- (3) Appropriate funds to the Department of Education to subsidize meal costs pursuant to this measure.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Kaua'i County Council; City and County of Honolulu Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency; City and County of Honolulu Office of Economic Revitalization; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Indivisible Hawai'i; AAUW of Hawai'i; Ka



Ohana O Na Pua; Kaua'i Climate Action Coalition; Hawai'i Youth Services Network; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Hui Aloha Aina o Honolulu; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; International Longshore & Warehouse Union International; International Longshore & Warehouse Union Local 142; UNITE HERE! Local 5; Aloha United Way; ALICE Initiative; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Hawai'i Foodbank; Maui Food Bank; American Heart Association; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; North Shore Nutrition; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of the Governor; Department of Education; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; Department of Research and Development of the County of Hawai'i; AlohaCare; Green Party of Hawai'i; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; Hawai'i 'Ulu Cooperative; Kaua'i Democratic Party; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; Hawai'i Hunger Action Network; Hawai'i Pacific Advisory Group; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawai'i Farmers Union; Save Medicaid Hawaii; and numerous individuals.

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 S.B. No. 1300, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



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