

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **954**-26

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 06** , 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2296  
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2296, 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 reduce the maximum amount the Department of Education may charge for school meals to all students enrolled in Department of Education schools to no more than one-quarter of the cost of preparing the meals.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Governor; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Healthy Eating, Active Living Coalition; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; Hawai'i Hunger Action Network; Hawaii Food Industry Association; and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

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. 2296, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



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CHRIS TODD, Chair



