

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2340

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2026

RE: S.B. No. 3232

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 3232 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish the Universal School Meals Special Fund to accept deposits of Medicaid reimbursements received by the Department of Education.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Food Industry Association, Hawai'i State Teachers Association, Hawai'i Food+ Policy, and one individual.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that hunger and food insecurity can be major barriers to education for school students in the State. Providing nutritious school meals for students can reduce stigma and lead to better health, behavioral, and learning outcomes. This measure would establish a sustainable foundation for the Department of Education to provide a universal school meals program to support improved outcomes for students in the State.

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 S.B.



No. 3232 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 3232	Committee Referral: EDU, WAM	Date: 02/13/2026
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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				/
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.				/
DECORTE, Samantha	/			
TOTAL	3			2

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: *Michelle N. Kidani*

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