

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2833

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05 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 Ways and Means, 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 strengthen the long-term sustainability of the State's universal school meals program.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes the Universal School Meals Special Fund;
- (2) Provides for the deposit of all Medicaid reimbursements received by the Department of Education into the Universal School Meals Special Fund; and
- (3) Requires the Universal School Meals Special Fund to be administered by the Department of Education and used to fund universal school meals.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from Aloha United Way, Hawaii Food Industry Association, Hawai'i State Teachers Association, Partners in Development Foundation, Hawai'i Food+ Policy - Purple Mai'a Foundation, and four individuals.

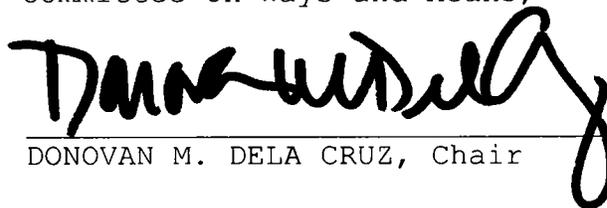


Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that universal school meals reduce financial pressure on families; help to ensure that children are prepared to learn; and, for many students, are the most reliable source of available nutrition. Your Committee further finds that this measure represents a practical step toward sustaining the universal school meals program by creating a dedicated funding stream.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means 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 Third Reading.

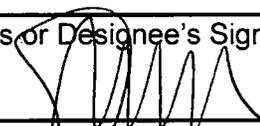
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB0202</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EDU, WAM</b>	Date: <b>3/3/2020</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt				X
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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