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Committee: House Finance

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 0160,SD2 (HSCR 1121) RELATING TO SCHOOL MEALS.

Purpose of Bill: The purpose of this bill is to afford the Department of Education (DOE) more flexibility in adjusting the prices of school meals in light of cost increases, by modifying the method by which the prices of school meals, both breakfast and lunch, are determined

Department's Position: The Department of Education (DOE) supports this measure. It will enable the DOE to adjust breakfast and lunch meal prices in response to market fluctuations in food and shipping costs. It will also allow this revenue-related fund to subsidize possible budget-related school food services shortfalls.