

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2689

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2782
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 2782 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Education to establish a plant-based food and beverage program;
- (2) Authorize the payment of quarterly allotments of funds or limit the amount of the award to participating public school;
- (3) Make participation in the program voluntary;
- (4) Require the Department of Education to establish rules to carry out the purposes of the program; and
- (5) Appropriate an amount to implement the program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education, 350Hawaii.org, Climate Protectors Coalition, and ten private individuals.

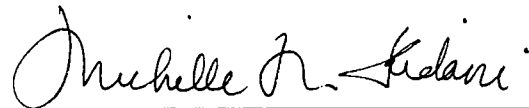


Your Committee finds that offering plant-based food and beverages is an important option which would provide healthy and wholesome food for public school students. The Department of Education has begun working towards serving more plant-based food options, and is currently doing research for menu items that use plant-based substitutes for meat and has begun training its cafeteria workers on building the skills needed to make both plant and non-plant-based meals for the students. This measure aids in the ongoing effort.

Your Committee has amended this measure to include it as an amendment to chapter 302A of the Hawaii Revised Statutes and by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 2782, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2782, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

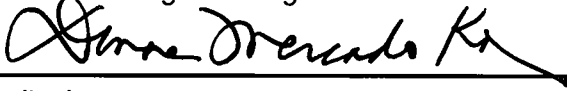


MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2782	EDU, WAM	2/10/2020		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				/
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	A			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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