

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3263

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2273
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 2273 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONCUSSIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Department of Education and the Hawaii High School Athletic Association to develop a concussion educational program for students and student athletes who are fourteen to eighteen years old.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the American Physical Therapy Association - Hawaii Chapter.

Your Committee finds that in recent years, there has been a significant increase in Hawaii in the number of concussions sustained by youth engaged in sports or recreational activities. Your Committee further finds that the concussion educational program required by this measure will help ensure that public and private high school students, school personnel, and parents are provided with consistent and up-to-date information on concussions and the management of symptoms and injuries related to concussions.

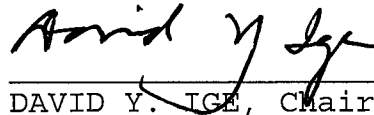
Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Deleting the definition of "school athletics" as unnecessary;
- (2) Requiring students to obtain written clearance from a "licensed health care provider" instead of a "physician" before returning to sports and academics following a concussion;
- (3) Deleting the term "mild traumatic brain injury" from the definition of "concussion"; and
- (4) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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 H.B. No. 2273, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2273, S.D. 1.

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



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 2273	EDU/HTH, WAM	3-29-12		
<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
IGE, David Y. (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
KAHELE, Gilbert	/			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	/			
RYAN, Pohai	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
TOTAL	14	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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