

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2273

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Education and Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2273 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONCUSSIONS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require:

- (1) The Department of Education and the Hawaii High School Athletic Association (HHSAA) to develop a concussion educational program for students and student athletes who are fourteen to eighteen years old; and
- (2) An educational program to be developed for every public and private school that is a member of HHSAA on how to develop a school concussion awareness plan.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Department of Education; Hawaii Medical Association; Hawaii Medical Service Association; Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition; Hawaii Association of Athletic Trainers; Hawaii Chapter, American Physical Therapy Association; Anuenue School; Hawaii Bicycling League; Chris Mead, a student at Moanalua High School; Anisia Paisley, a student at Kalaheo High School; Christopher Mooney, a student at Punahou School; Scott Fujiwara, a student at Hanalani Schools; Samuel Castro, a student at America Renaissance Academy; Abigail Castro, a student at American Renaissance Academy; Andy Wiers, a student at American Renaissance Academy; Stephanie Hommel, a student at Moanalua High School; Larissa Minicola, a student at Castle High School;



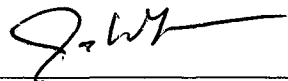
Kendrick Leong, a student at Punahou School; Kevynne Fountain, a student at Moanalua High School; Kiana Pigao, a student at Waimea High School; Grace Gradnigo, a student at Moanalua High School; Juenea Dement, a student at Kalaheo High School; and one private individual.

Your Committees find that concussions among student athletes are a serious concern and an increased understanding of the dangers associated with head injuries is an important step toward ensuring that the risk of serious injury is minimized. This measure will promote education on concussions and implement return-to-play guidelines targeted to minimize additional injury that a student athlete may sustain by returning to play while still experiencing symptoms of a concussion.

As this measure progresses through the legislative process, your Committees recommend that further examination be given to clarify the difference between the requirement that the Department of Education and HHSAA develop a concussion educational program and the requirement that there be an educational program developed for every public and private school that is a member of HHSAA on how to develop a school concussion awareness plan.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2273, and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Education and  
Health,



JOSH GREEN, M.D., Chair



JILL TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate  
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**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Education**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 2273	EDU/HTH, WAM	3-16-12		
<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 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
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne				✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	4	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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