

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1563-18

Honolulu, Hawaii  
MAR 28 , 2018

RE: H.R. No. 158

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.R. No. 158 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND STUDENTS TO BE EDUCATED ABOUT THE POTENTIAL HEALTH IMPACTS OF HEAVY BACKPACKS AND TO TAKE PROACTIVE MEASURES TO AVOID INJURY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge school administrators, teachers, parents, and students to be educated about the potential health impacts of heavy backpacks and to take proactive measures to avoid injury caused by these backpacks by urging:

- (1) The Board of Education to develop policies and procedures to allow licensed chiropractors to conduct interval scoliosis exams on children in schools; and
- (2) Schools to work with their parent-teacher associations to assess the extent to which students use overweight backpacks and to promote innovative strategies to lessen the impact of these backpacks on students.

An individual testified in support of this measure.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 158 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

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JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



