

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 28 2018

RE: S.R. No. 127
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.R. No. 127 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO IMPLEMENT OCEAN AND WATER SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Department of Education to implement ocean and water safety education programs for elementary school students.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that ocean and water safety awareness at a young age is a key factor in drowning prevention, as one in five people who die from drowning are children fourteen years of age and younger. School districts in other states have included swimming lessons and ocean safety education into their physical education classes. Therefore, because Hawaii residents and families have access to beaches and other water activities throughout the year, it is essential to educate young child in ocean and water safety.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting language suggesting that ocean and water safety education programs may be



addressed in schools through partnerships with external organizations or other departments.

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 S.R. No. 127, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 127, S.D. 1.

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



MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Education
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SR 127</i>	Committee Referral: <i>EDU, WAM</i>	Date: <i>3/28/18</i>		
<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)	<i>X</i>			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (VC)	<i>X</i> <i>WR</i>			<i>X</i>
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	<i>X</i>			
ESPERO, Will	<i>X</i>			<i>X</i>
KIM, Donna Mercado	<i>X</i>			
TOTAL	<i>4</i>			<i>1</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center;"><i>Will Espo</i></div>				
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