

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1157
H.D. 1
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,
to which was referred H.B. No. 1157, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION
STUDENT IMMUNIZATIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to exempt students
in post-secondary education programs from immunization
requirements if they attend classes exclusively online or through
distance learning, under certain conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the University of Hawai'i System and O'ahu County Democrats
Committee on Legislative Priorities. Your Committee received
comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that colleges and universities are
offering increasing numbers of courses and programs online. As
methods of educational delivery change, certain requirements that
have been traditionally imposed on students, such as
immunizations, may not be as relevant as they are for students
receiving traditional classroom instruction. Your Committee
further finds that the Department of Health is proposing a rule
change to exempt post-secondary students who are enrolled in
exclusively online courses or degree programs from the current



immunization requirements. However, the Department's proposed rule change may not be adopted in time for the fall 2019 semester. This measure therefore provides an exemption from the immunization requirements for these students in a timely manner.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2019; and
- (2) 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 Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1157, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1157, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Health,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



