

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 671
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
S.B. No. 671 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.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the University of Hawai'i System, Department of Health,
Chaminade University of Honolulu, O'ahu County Committee on
Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and two
individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to
this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received
comments on this measure from Hawaii For Informed Consent and one
individual.

Your Committee finds that colleges and universities are
increasing the number of courses and programs offered online.
Because methods of educational delivery are changing, certain
requirements that have been traditionally imposed on students,
such as immunizations, may not always apply in the same manner as
they do for traditional classroom instruction. Your Committee



further finds that the Department of Health is currently proposing a rule change to exempt post-secondary students in online or distance-learning programs who do not attend classes in person from the current immunization requirements. However, the proposed rule change may not be adopted in time for the fall 2019 classes. This measure provides an exemption for those students immediately and without the proposed rule change by the Department of Health.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making the exemption regarding immunization requirements permanent by deleting language that would have repealed this measure upon the adoption of amendments to the administrative rules by the Department of Health; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 671, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 671, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health.

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


DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Higher Education
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 671	Committee Referral: HRE, CPH	Date: 1/31/19		
<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
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	/			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt				/
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
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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