

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1187

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 , 2021

RE: H.C.R. No. 178

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 178 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE FREE MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS TO STUDENTS ON ALL HAWAII PUBLIC SCHOOL CAMPUSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Education to provide free menstrual products to students on all Hawaii public school campuses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women, Gender Sexuality Alliance of 'Ilima Intermediate School, Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii, Hawaii State Teachers Association, Going Home Hawaii, Ma'i Movement Hawai'i, AF3IRM Hawaii, I Support The Girls Hawaii, HawaiiKidsCAN, Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center, Breastfeeding Hawaii, HI Student Care Resources, Hawai'i Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!, and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that according to the nationwide survey conducted by Always of Proctor and Gamble, since the pandemic, one out of three parents are worried about their ongoing ability to

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afford menstrual products. Your Committee further finds that a 2016 New York City pilot program found that access to free menstrual products in public schools increased attendance by 2.4 percent, leading to a package of legislation providing free access to menstrual products for New York City's students. This measure requests the Department of Education to do the same in Hawaii's public schools.

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.C.R. No. 178 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



Justin M. Woodson, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

| Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 178 | Committee Referral: EDN, FIN | Date: 3/18/2021 | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure. | | | | |
| The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) | | | | |
| EDN Members | Ayes | Ayes (WR) | Nays | Excused |
| 1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C) | / | | | |
| 2. KAPELA, Jeanne (VC) | / | | | |
| 3. BELATTI, Della Au | / | | | |
| 4. DeCOITE, Lynn | | / | | |
| 5. GANADEN, Sonny | / | | | |
| 6. GATES, Cedric Asuega | | | | / |
| 7. HASHIMOTO, Troy N. | / | | | |
| 8. OHNO, Takashi | / | | | |
| 9. QUINLAN, Sean | / | | | |
| 10. TAKAYAMA, Gregg | / | | | |
| 11. YAMANE, Ryan I. | | / | | / |
| 12. OKIMOTO, Val | | / | | |
| TOTAL (12) | 8 | 2 | | 2 |
| The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s) | | | | |
| Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ | | | | |
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