STAND. COM. REP. NO. 28

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 2 5 2021

RE: S.R. No. 208

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2021 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.R. No. 208 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO AUTHORIZE AN E-SPORTS PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE STATE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Board of Education to authorize an e-sports program for public high schools in the State.

Your Committee received no testimony on this measure.

Your Committee finds that electronic sports, more commonly known as e-sports, are video game competitions, often in organized, multiplayer video games, among professional players who compete individually or as teams. The e-sports industry is projected to produce more than \$1,000,000,000 in global revenue each year, with video game companies being a major driver of jobs in the United States and generating more revenue than the music and film industries combined. The support of high school e-sports in Hawaii could aid in creating a path for students to attend college through networking, scholarships, and mentorship. The support of high school e-sports could inspire student interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) topics at a young age. This measure will encourage the Department of Education to offer an e-sport program to high school students, which will

promote students' passion for video games through competition and social interactions, foster personal growth and academic research, and educate and prepare students for opportunities in the video game industry.

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. 208 and recommends its adoption.

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

The Senate Thirty-First Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Education EDU

Bill / Resolution No.:* 5R 208	Committee Referral:			Date: 03/19/2021		
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:						
The Recommendation is:						
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313						
Members		Aye	Aye (W	R)	Nay	Excused
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted						
Chair's or Designee's Signature:						
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes