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**Committee:** Senate Education

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Resolution:** SCR 0238 REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, HAWAII HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, BIG ISLAND INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION, OAHU INTERSCHOLASTIC ASSOCIATION, INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE OF HONOLULU, MAUI INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE, AND KAUAI INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION CREATE A PLAN TO IMPLEMENT BASS FISHING AS A SANCTIONED HIGH SCHOOL SPORT.

**Department's Position:**

The Department respectfully provides comments on SCR 0238.

The Hawaii High School Athletic Association (HHSAA) has a procedure in place for adding interscholastic athletic state tournaments. The member leagues of HHSAA also have a process for sanctioning additional sports for interscholastic competition.

The Department's school athletic programs would have to budget for at least 42 interscholastic coaching positions, or approximately \$100,000, plus supplies, equipment, and transportation expenses without any additional funds in their budgets. Adding another interscholastic sport at this time will further affect school athletic programs' efforts to maintain current sport offerings.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SCR0238.

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