Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 508

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.B. No. 508 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Department of Education to establish and administer an ocean safety and stewardship education program for all fourth grade students.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Ocean Tourism Coalition. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that drowning is a leading cause of injury-related death for children in the State who are under fifteen years of age. Yet, the ocean is a vital and essential part of everyone's life in Hawaii. This measure will educate fourth grade students on how to stay safe while enjoying being in the ocean.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 508 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair

## The Senate Thirty-First Legislature State of Hawai'i

## Record of Votes Committee on Education EDU

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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 (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)		/			
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)		/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	<u> </u>				
KANUHA, Dru Mamo					
FEVELLA, Kurt					
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TOTAL		5			
Recommendation:			<del></del>	<u> </u>	·
Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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