

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3617

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2024

RE: S.C.R. No. 149  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 149 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO RESEARCH AND DEVELOP A PLAN TO IMPLEMENT CHESS AS A COMPETITIVE SPORT IN THE STATE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts to convene a task force to research and develop a plan to implement chess as a competitive sport.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

Your Committee finds that the global chess industry is estimated to be valued at more than \$2,110,000,000, and is expected to continue expanding its financial profitability. Your Committee further finds that beyond entertainment, chess can supplement traditional classroom education by promoting logical thinking, instilling a sense of self-confidence, and improving communication and pattern recognition skills. Your Committee



concludes that the State can support mental health and education throughout the State by encouraging the development of a plan to implement chess as a competitive sport.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Urging the task force to research and develop a plan to expand access to chess as a competitive sport;
- (2) Urging the Department of Education to collaborate with Hawaii chess organizations to expand access to chess in public schools as a learning, development, and collaboration tool;
- (3) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 149, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 149, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Transportation and  
Culture and the Arts,

  
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CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts**  
**TCA**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SCR 149</b>	Committee Referral: <b>TCA</b>	Date: <b>3/28/24</b>		
<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
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)				✓
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
AWA, Brenton				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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