### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SEX-BASED ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS IN SCHOOLS.

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that twenty-three states have passed laws restricting male students' ability to compete 2 3 in female sports. Title IX was a legislative landmark that sought to provide opportunities for women in education and 4 5 athletics. Allowing biological males to compete in female sports reverses the hard-fought progress that led to the 6 7 implementation of Title IX. 8 The purpose of this act is to protect the rights of females 9 to compete in interscholastic sports by requiring that athletic 10 teams be designated by biological sex assigned at birth. 11 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 12 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated 13 and to read as follows: 14 "§302A- Sex-based athletic competitions. (a) The department shall require that all schools competing in 15

16 interscholastic sports designate separate athletic teams based

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1 on biological sex. Athletic teams shall be designated as one of 2 the following based on biological sex assigned at birth: 3 (1) Male; 4 (2) Female; or 5 (3) Coed. 6 (b) Athletic teams designated for females shall not be 7 open to participation by males." 8 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored. 9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024. INTRODUCED BY: 7

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#### Report Title:

Education; Athletics; Competitions; Gender; Sports

#### Description:

Requires the department of education to designate athletic sports teams based on the biological sex assigned to players at birth. Prevents males from participating in female sports.

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