

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 245  
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 245,  
H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STUDENT HEAT EXPOSURE SAFETY,"  
begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of  
Education, in collaboration with the Department of Health and  
State Public Charter School Commission, to:

- (1) Conduct a study on the current practices of managing  
heat exposure in state public and charter schools to  
protect students' health during outdoor activities; and
- (2) Develop a plan if the current practices are insufficient  
in managing heat exposure.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Education; State Council on Developmental  
Disabilities; Hawai'i Public Health Association; Hawai'i Children's  
Action Network Speaks!; Hawai'i Climate Change and Health Working  
Group; and five individuals. Your Committee received comments on  
this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that rising air temperatures and  
Hawaii's high average relative humidity pose a significant



challenge to human thermoregulation, particularly for individuals exercising outdoors where high humidity reduces the efficacy of the body's ability to cool itself through sweating. Your Committee further finds that the dangers of exertional heat illness are particularly high for children, who have reduced thermoregulation capabilities and slower heat acclimatization compared to adults. Your Committee believes that creating data-driven state guidelines for managing heat during outdoor activities is a vital step in protecting Hawaii's children from the dangers of heat exposure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 245, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

  
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GREG TOKUYAMA, Chair



HSCR 573

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 245, HDI</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EDU, HLT, FIN</b>	Date: <b>Feb 12, 2025</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (C)	X			
2. KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, Sue L. (VC)	X			
3. AMATO, Terez	X			
4. CHUN, Cory M.	X			
5. MARTEN, Lisa	X			
6. OLDS, Ikaika	X			
7. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna	X			
8. ALCOS III, David	X			
9. GARCIA, Diamond	X			
TOTAL (9)	9			
The recommendation is:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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