

Honolulu, Hawaii FEB 14 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 867 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 Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 867, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RECREATIONAL FACILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

2025-1929 HB867 HD1 HSCR HMS0

The purpose of this measure is to:

- Require, by June 30, 2030, all playgrounds located in state parks and on public school grounds to have a minimal set of accessible recreational playground equipment; and
- (2) Appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department of Education to purchase and install accessible recreational playground equipment.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Disability and Communication Access Board; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education; Department of Budget and Finance; and Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of State Parks.

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Your Committee finds that the lack of disability-compatible equipment in Department of Education playgrounds and state parks and playgrounds can have a negative impact on physically disabled youth in Hawaii. Your Committee further finds that installing accessible recreational playground equipment in playgrounds will enhance the inclusion of physically disabled youth in important socialization activities.

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 H.B. No. 867, 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 Education,

DODSON, Chair



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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Education** 

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HBSGT HDI	WAL, EDN, FIN	2	13/25	
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold				
Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EDN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)				
2. LA CHICA, Trish (VC)				
3. AMATO, Terez			and a state of the	
4. EVSLIN, Luke A.				
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5. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya			i della d	
TRAK. Y. H. HALT				Transformer,
6. KAPELA, Jeanne				
7. KILA, Darius K.				
8. OLDS, Ikaika				
9. SAYAMA, Jackson D.				
10. MURAOKA, Christopher L.				
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11. SOUZA, Kanani				
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TOTAL (11)				1
The recommendation is: Adopted D Not Adopted				
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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