

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1635

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27 , 2025

RE: H.R. No. 81

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.R. No. 81 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL CLIMATE WEEK IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACROSS THE STATE TO SPREAD CLIMATE AWARENESS, EDUCATION, AND PARTICIPATION IN SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Education to establish an annual Climate Week in all public schools across the State to spread climate awareness, education, and participation in sustainability initiatives.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Climate Change and Health Working Group; Coalition Earth; and six individuals.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's youth are confronting a rapidly changing world due to the effects of climate change, which directly impacts the State through coastal erosion, rising sea levels, and more frequent and intense storms, and poses a serious risk to the Hawaii's native ecosystems and cultural practices. Your Committee further finds that the State's Climate Week does not include activities or initiatives at Department of Education schools, resulting in limited promotion of climate awareness among public school students. Your Committee believes that the

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establishment of annual Climate Week in all public schools in the State will increase student awareness, education, and participation in sustainability initiatives that combat climate change.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 81 and recommends its adoption.

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

*for Justin H. Woodson*  
JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: <b>H281</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EDN</b>	Date: <b>3/20/23</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 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)				
EDN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	/			
2. LA CHICA, Trish (VC)	/			
3. AMATO, Terez	/			
4. EVSLIN, Luke A.	/			
5. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya				X
6. KAPELA, Jeanne				X
7. KILA, Darius K.	/			
8. OLDS, Ikaika	/			
9. SAYAMA, Jackson D.				X
10. MURAOKA, Christopher L.				X
11. SOUZA, Kanani	/			
<b>TOTAL (11)</b>	<b>7</b>			<b>4</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted          If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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