STAND. COM. REP. NO. 33332

Honolulu, Hawaii

## MAR 2 8 2018

RE: S.C.R. No. 168 S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2018 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 168 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO IMPLEMENT OCEAN AND WATER SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Department of Education to implement ocean and water safety education programs for elementary school students.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that ocean and water safety awareness at a young age is a key factor in drowning prevention, as one in five people who die from drowning are children fourteen years of age and younger. School districts in other states have included swimming lessons and ocean safety education into their physical education classes. Therefore, because Hawaii residents and families have access to beaches and other water activities throughout the year, it is essential to educate young child in ocean and water safety.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting language suggesting that ocean and water safety education programs may be

addressed in schools through partnerships with external organizations or other departments.

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 S.C.R. No. 168, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 168, S.D. 1.

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

MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair

## The Senate Twenty-Ninth Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

## Record of Votes Committee on Education EDU

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)		X			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (VC)		W			*
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.		X.			
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