STAND. COM. REP. NO. 848

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 0 1 2019

RE: S.B. No. 671

S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirtieth State Legislature Regular Session of 2019 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 671, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION STUDENT IMMUNIZATIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to exempt students in post-secondary education programs from immunization requirements if they attend classes exclusively online or through distance learning.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System, O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and Chaminade University of Honolulu. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that post-secondary online education and distance learning programs expand access to higher education and workforce development opportunities. For example, the University of Hawaii offers a multitude of online and distance learning courses, with 1,428 online classes offered in the fall of 2018. These courses provide more flexibility in location and schedule for students who are working, have family responsibilities, or have other challenges participating in on-campus classes.

Your Committee further finds that existing Hawaii
Administrative Rules require post-secondary students, including
students in online or distance learning programs who do not attend
classes in person, to provide immunization records with evidence
of certain vaccinations. The Department of Health is currently
proposing a rule change to exempt students who participate in
fully online programs from the immunization requirements.
However, that rule change is still in the process of being
adopted. Therefore, this measure provides an exemption from the
immunization requirements for these students in a timely and
expedient manner.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2020; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 671, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 671, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair

## The Senate Thirtieth Legislature State of Hawai'i

## Record of Votes Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health CPH

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SB 671, SD1	HRE, CPH	,	2/26/19	
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
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	<b>✓</b>			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	✓ ·			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	V			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				A William
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				V
THIELEN, Laura H.				
FEVELLA, Kurt	V			
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TOTAL	6			
Recommendation:				
Adopted Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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