Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 , 2021

RE: H.R. No. 147

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2021 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.R. No. 147 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE FREE MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS TO STUDENTS ON ALL HAWAII PUBLIC SCHOOL CAMPUSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Education to provide free menstrual products to students on all Hawaii public school campuses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawaii State Teachers Association, Hawaii Women's Coalition, Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii, Ma'i Movement, Hawaii Women's Coalition, and seventeen individuals.

Your Committee finds that according to the nationwide survey conducted by Always of Proctor and Gamble, since the pandemic, one out of three parents are worried about their ongoing ability to afford menstrual products. Your Committee further finds that a 2016 New York City pilot program found that access to free menstrual products in public schools increased attendance by 2.4 percent, leading to a package of legislation providing free access to menstrual products for New York City's students. This measure requests the Department of Education to do the same in Hawaii's public schools.

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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. 147 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

STIN H. WCODSON, Chai

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

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:			
HR 147	EDN, FIN		3/18/2021	
☐ 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. KAPELA, Jeanne (VC)				
3. BELATTI, Della Au				
4. DeCOITE, Lynn				
5. GANADEN, Sonny				
6. GATES, Cedric Asuega				
7. HASHIMOTO, Troy N.				
8. OHNO, Takashi				
9. QUINLAN, Sean				
10. TAKAYAMA, Gregg				
11. YAMANE, Ryan I.				
12. OKIMOTO, Val				
TOTAL (12)	8	7		2
The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral,  committee acronym(s)  Not Adopted  did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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