

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1312

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 2021

RE: S.C.R. No. 238

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 238 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, HAWAII HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, BIG ISLAND INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION, OAHU INTERSCHOLASTIC ASSOCIATION, INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE OF HONOLULU, MAUI INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE, AND KAUAI INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION CREATE A PLAN TO IMPLEMENT BASS FISHING AS A SANCTIONED HIGH SCHOOL SPORT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Education, Hawaii High School Athletic Association, Big Island Interscholastic Federation, Oahu Interscholastic Association, Interscholastic League of Hawaii, Maui Interscholastic League, and Kauai Interscholastic Federation to create a plan to implement bass fishing as a sanctioned high school sport.

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

Your Committee finds that high school fishing is one of the fastest-growing sports in the nation. The State has an existing population of largemouth bass fish for which the Department of Land and Natural Resources issues fishing licenses. Hawaii has an established history with bass fish beginning with the first



observation on the island of Hawaii in 1856, followed by observations on Oahu, Maui, and Kauai in 1897. Oahu has a pre-established bass hatchery located at Wahiawa Middle School, which is supplied by the Department of Agriculture's Division of Aquatic Resources. This measure would create a plan to establish bass fishing as a high school sport, which would instill a sense of pride and belonging in students, give students a reason to attain academic achievement, and provide a competitive outlet for our keiki.

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. 238 and recommends its adoption.

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


MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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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 2312 Pass, with amendments 2311 Hold 2310 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	/			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	5			

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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