

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2166

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 17, 2023

RE: S.C.R. No. 27  
S.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education & Technology, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 27, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM TO PROVIDE MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS, FREE OF CHARGE, TO STUDENTS AT ALL OF ITS UNIVERSITY, COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AND EDUCATION CENTER CAMPUSES AS PART OF A PUBLIC HEALTH AND EDUCATION EQUITY STRATEGY THAT ADDRESSES ECONOMIC DISPARITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the University of Hawaii System to provide menstrual products, free of charge, to students at all of its university, community college, and education center campuses as part of a public health and education equity strategy that addresses economic disparities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System, Ma'i Movement Hawai'i, PERIOD., and twelve individuals.

Your Committee finds that menstruating students unable to access menstrual products face a significant barrier to education that biologically male students do not, as a lack of access to menstrual products can limit full educational participation and negatively impact a student's access to learning. Your Committee

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believes that providing menstrual products free of charge to students attending University of Hawaii System campuses is part of an appropriate public health and education equity strategy that addresses economic disparities.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 27, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Higher Education &  
Technology,

  
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AMY A. FERRUSO, Chair



