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TO: Hawai'i State House Committee on Legislative Management
FROM: AAUW of Hawai'i
Hearing Date/Time: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 3:00PM
Hearing Location: Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 329
RE: Testimony in Strong Support of HR 202/HCR 222

Dear Chair Nakamura, Vice Chair Morikawa, and Members of the Committee,

Members of AAUW of Hawai'i thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of HR 202/HCR 222 which requests the Legislative Reference Bureau conduct a study to determine the implementation and standard of various sexual health education policies within the Department of Education.

Only 20% of Hawai'i middle schools and 48% of high schools provided all 22 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) critical sexual health education topics. This means only 1 in 2 secondary school students are getting the information they need to live healthy lives. This study is needed to ensure that Hawai'i's students are provided with the knowledge and tools necessary to make responsible, informed, and empowered choices about their sexuality, gender, relationships, and sexual and reproductive health.

Thank you for supporting this important resolution.

Sincerely,
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