## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SEX-BASED ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS IN SCHOOLS.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that twenty-three states
- 2 have passed laws restricting male students' ability to compete
- 3 in female sports. Title IX was a legislative landmark that
- 4 sought to provide opportunities for women in education and
- 5 athletics. Allowing biological males to compete in female
- 6 sports reverses the hard-fought progress that led to the
- 7 implementation of Title IX.
- 8 The purpose of this act is to protect the rights of females
- 9 to compete in interscholastic sports by requiring that athletic
- 10 teams be designated by biological sex assigned at birth.
- 11 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 12 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
- 13 and to read as follows:
- 14 "\$302A- Sex-based athletic competitions. (a) The
- 15 department shall require that all schools competing in
- 16 interscholastic sports designate separate athletic teams based

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- 1 on biological sex. Athletic teams shall be designated as one of
- 2 the following based on biological sex assigned at birth:
- 3 (1) Male;
- 4 (2) Female; or
- **5** (3) Coed.
- **6** (b) Athletic teams designated for females shall not be
- 7 open to participation by males."
- 8 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
- 9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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### Report Title:

Education; Athletics; Competitions; Gender; Sports

### Description:

Requires the department of education to designate athletic sports teams based on the biological sex assigned to players at birth. Prevents males from participating in female sports.

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