

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1767-26

Honolulu, Hawaii
, 2026

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RE: H.C.R. No. 118
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 118 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO STRENGTHEN MENSTRUAL HEALTH EDUCATION INITIATIVES AND TO ADOPT A COMPREHENSIVE MENSTRUAL CYCLE CURRICULUM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Education to strengthen menstrual health education initiatives and to adopt a comprehensive menstrual cycle curriculum.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women; Ma'i Movement Hawai'i; She's In Office Maui; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; Imua Alliance; Menstrual Equity Initiative; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that menstrual health education provides an opportunity to eradicate stigmas; empower informed health decisions; and ensure equal access to, and understanding of, menstrual products. Your Committee further finds that

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inconsistent menstrual health education continues to stifle progress toward achieving period equity, and some students lack confidence in managing their menstrual cycle and its symptoms, even with free products. Your Committee believes that strengthening menstrual health educational initiatives and adopting comprehensive curriculum elements will improve consistency and student understanding.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying certain information that is requested to be included in the comprehensible menstrual health education curriculum and menstrual health education program;
- (2) Clarifying the grade ranges for the comprehensible menstrual health education curriculum; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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.C.R. No. 118, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 118, H.D. 1.

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

for push to choice
JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



