

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3903

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 23 2026

RE: H.C.R. No. 42
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 42 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO MEET THE CRITERIA NECESSARY TO OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZE CHEERLEADING AS A TITLE IX SPORT IN HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Department of Education to meet the criteria to officially recognize competitive cheerleading as a Title IX sport in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education and Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women.

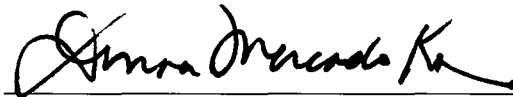
Your Committee finds that disparities in school athletics have historically limited opportunities for female students, necessitating ongoing gender equity initiatives, such as Title IX. Your Committee further finds that the vast majority of Department of Education high schools have cheer teams, yet these athletes are not counted as "student-athletes" for the purposes of Title IX protections. This measure promotes the equitable allocation of resources, facilities, and support for the State's over five hundred competitive cheer athletes by supporting alignment of the sport with Title IX requirements.



Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 42, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 42, S.D. 1.

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



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* HCR 42	Committee Referral: EDU	Date: 04/20/26		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)				/
FUKUNAGA, Carol				/
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	/			
DECORTE, Samantha	/			
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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