

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3518**

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 08 2026

RE: S.C.R. No. 194
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 S.C.R. No. 194 entitled:

"SENATE 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 necessary 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, Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the vast majority of Department of Education high schools have cheer teams, yet cheer is not currently officially recognized as a Title IX sport in Hawaii. Failing to recognize competitive cheerleading as an athletic opportunity prevents the Department from utilizing Title IX as a critical gender equity tool to address disparities in sports participation, resource allocation, and representation for female students. This measure expands athletic opportunities and gender equity efforts to align with best practices in promoting equality, inclusion, and the visibility of female athletes.



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 S.C.R. No. 194, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 194, 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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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				/
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	/			
DECORTE, Samantha	/			
TOTAL	4			1

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: *Michelle N. Kidani*

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