

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2215**-26

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 20, 2026

RE: S.C.R. No. 78
S.D. 1
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 S.C.R. No. 78, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE 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; Menstrual Equity Initiative; Ma'i Movement Hawai'i; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; and numerous individuals. 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 inconsistent menstrual health education continues to restrain

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progress toward achieving period equity, with some students lacking 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 of menstrual health.

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 S.C.R. No. 78, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 78, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

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

for Justin LaChica
JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

Bill/Resolution No.: SCR 78 SD1	Committee Referral: EDN, FIN	Date: 4/16/26		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EDN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	/			
2. LA CHICA, Trish (VC)	/			
3. AMATO, Terez	/			
4. EVSLIN, Luke A.	/			
5. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya	/			
6. KAPELA, Jeanne				/
7. KILA, Darius K.				/
8. OLDS, Ikaika	/			
9. MURAOKA, Christopher L.	/			
10. SOUZA, Kanani	/			
TOTAL (10)	8	—	—	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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