

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3519

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 08 2026

RE: S.R. No. 183  
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.R.  
No. 183 entitled:

"SENATE 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 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.R. No. 183, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 183, S.D. 1.

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



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DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Third Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Education**  
**EDU**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SR 183</i>	Committee Referral: <i>EDU</i>	Date: <i>04/06/26</i>		
<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				
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				/
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	/			
DECORTE, Samantha	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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