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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE ON CHEERLEADING TO DETERMINE IF CHEERLEADING SHOULD BE CLASSIFIED AS AN INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORT IN PUBLIC SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAMS.

1 WHEREAS, athletic activity promotes physical health, mental
2 alertness, and encourages involvement in school; and

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4 WHEREAS, the effort and time contributed by school
5 cheerleaders is substantially similar to that of other students
6 who participate in officially recognized interscholastic sports;
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9 WHEREAS, due to its ongoing nature, cheerleading often
10 requires more time and activity than seasonal sports; and

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12 WHEREAS, the training, skills, and practice sessions of
13 cheerleaders are as demanding and active as sports that are
14 officially recognized, and require the same vigor, stamina,
15 flexibility, and strength; and

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17 WHEREAS, classifying cheerleading as an interscholastic
18 sport would acknowledge the similarities of the characteristics,
19 abilities, and efforts that cheerleaders share with participants
20 in other school sports, and would provide more opportunities for
21 these dedicated student-athletes, who give their time and
22 efforts for the benefit of their schools as cheerleaders; now,
23 therefore,

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012,
27 that the Department of Education is requested to establish a
28 task force on cheerleading to determine if cheerleading should
29 be classified as an interscholastic sport in public school
30 athletic programs; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force consist of the
33 following members:



- 1 (1) Three members who are cheerleading coaches, appointed
2 by the Governor;
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- 4 (2) Two members who represent public high school athletic
5 departments, appointed by the Superintendent of
6 Education;
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- 8 (3) One member appointed by the President of the Senate;
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- 11 (4) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
12 Representatives; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force assess the
15 appropriateness, feasibility, and impact of classifying
16 cheerleading as an interscholastic sport in public school
17 athletic programs, including any insurance and budgetary
18 requirements; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if cheerleading as an
21 interscholastic sport is deemed appropriate, the task force is
22 requested to create an implementation plan for the Department of
23 Education for the inclusion of cheerleading as an
24 interscholastic sport; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force submit a final
27 report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no
28 later than June 30, 2013, and that the task force cease to exist
29 on June 30, 2013; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education and
33 the Chairperson of the Board of Education.
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OFFERED BY: _____

Will Egan

