

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2340

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 05 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2271
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 2271 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SAFETY EQUIPMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require Department of Education school football programs to ensure that each non-new football helmet used in a football program is reconditioned and recertified at least once every two years;
- (2) Establish fines and other penalties for failure to properly recertify football helmets; and
- (3) Establish the football helmet recertification special fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from a private individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that the increasing frequency and severity of concussions in school athletics has become a matter of pressing public concern. One means of managing these risks is to



ensure the proper maintenance of football helmets and other athletic safety equipment, whether provided by the school or privately purchased by parents and others.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the requirement that referees determine whether helmets have been properly recertified;
- (2) Deleting the imposition of fines for violations of the provisions of this measure;
- (3) Deleting language establishing the Football Helmet Recertification Special Fund;
- (4) Inserting language placing the responsibility for the recertification of privately purchased helmets and other athletic equipment used by students with the Department of Education; and
- (5) 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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2271, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2271, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means.

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




MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes
Committee on Education
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 2271	EDU, JDC/WAM	01/31/2020
<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	
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	/	
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)	/	
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	/	
KANUHA, Dru Mamo		/
FEVELLA, Kurt	/	*
TOTAL	4	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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