

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1119

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19 , 2021

RE: H.C.R. No. 52  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 52 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO ASSESS WHETHER STATE AGENCIES' ANTI-BULLYING POLICIES AND RECORDS OF INCIDENCES OF BULLYING ARE PROPERLY UPDATED AND EFFECTIVELY UTILIZED,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Office of the Governor to convene a task force to assess whether state agencies' anti-bullying policies and records of incidences of bullying are properly updated and effectively utilized.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received testimony in support of the intent of this measure from the Department of Education, University of Hawai'i System, and Hawaii Association of School Psychologists.

Your Committee finds that all students have the right to fully participate in the education process that is free from bullying, including cyberbullying and harassment. Your Committee further finds that implementing new policies that focus on progressive punishments, rather than punitive punishments, for

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students that have committed acts of bullying, cyberbullying, or harassment should be prioritized.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the task force is requested to consider race or color and ancestry or national origin when providing recommendations on changes to curricula that are meant to reduce bullying and promote civil conduct through education;
- (2) Clarifying that the task force is requested to consider that students who have committed acts of bullying, cyberbullying, or harassment be given non-punitive actions that are meant to address the root causes of bullying;
- (3) Including trauma-informed care and restorative justice programs under the non-punitive actions that may be given to students who have committed acts of bullying, cyberbullying, or harassment; and
- (4) 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 H.C.R. No. 52, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 52, H.D. 1.

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

  
JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Thirty-first Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Education**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> <i>HCR 25 HCR 52</i>	<b>Committee Referral:</b> <i>EDN, JHA</i>	<b>Date:</b> <i>3/11/2021</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <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)				
<b>EDN Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	/			
2. KAPELA, Jeanne (VC)	/			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	/			
4. DeCOITE, Lynn	/			
5. GANADEN, Sonny	/			
6. GATES, Cedric Asuega	/			
7. HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	/			
8. OHNO, Takashi	/			
9. QUINLAN, Sean	/			
10. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	/			
11. YAMANE, Ryan I.				/
12. OKIMOTO, Val	/			
<b>TOTAL (12)</b>	<i>11</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> _____				
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