

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 , 2021

RE: H.R. No. 147

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.R.
No. 147 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO
PROVIDE FREE MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS TO STUDENTS ON ALL HAWAII
PUBLIC SCHOOL CAMPUSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of
Education to provide free menstrual products to students on all
Hawaii public school campuses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from Hawaii State Teachers Association, Hawaii Women's Coalition,
Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii, Ma'i Movement,
Hawaii Women's Coalition, and seventeen individuals.

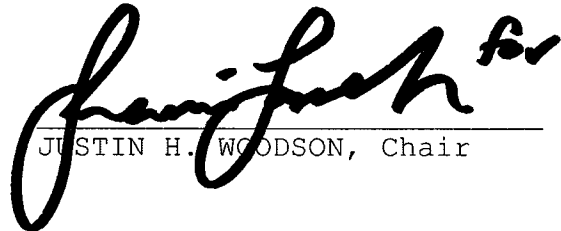
Your Committee finds that according to the nationwide survey
conducted by Always of Procter and Gamble, since the pandemic, one
out of three parents are worried about their ongoing ability to
afford menstrual products. Your Committee further finds that
a 2016 New York City pilot program found that access to free
menstrual products in public schools increased attendance by
2.4 percent, leading to a package of legislation providing free
access to menstrual products for New York City's students. This
measure requests the Department of Education to do the same in
Hawaii's public schools.

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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.R. No. 147 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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


JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



