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TO: The Honorable Patricia Halagao
Chairperson, Student Achievement Committee

FROM: 
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Superintendent

SUBJECT: **Committee Action on a New Sports Policy**

1. RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Education (Department) recommends a new Board of Education (BOE) policy on high school athletics.

2. RECOMMENDED EFFECTIVE DATE

The Department recommends an immediate effective date.

3. RECOMMENDED COMPLIANCE DATE (if different from the effective date)

See section 2.0.

4. DISCUSSION (if different from the effective date)

a. Conditions leading to the recommendation:

The Department used a cross-office strategy to draft the policy listed above. The proposed draft incorporates feedback from stakeholders.

The original proposed revisions from the PIG would have replaced the language in policy 2180 (originally the policy on surfing) with language that addressed all high school athletics.

In order to maintain the original surfing policy language, while also addressing the proposed revisions from the PIG, the Department has drafted a new policy on high school athletics, designed to complement PIG proposed policy 101.11. The proposed policy would direct the Department to maintain a list of

approved high school sports and notify the BOE if any action is required. In addition, the proposed policy acknowledges the associations, federations, and leagues that govern high school sports.

For reference, a list of the current approved sports and the role of each league, federation, and interscholastic association is provided in Exhibit B.

b. Previous action of the Board on the same or similar matter:

- May 3, 2016: Student Achievement Committee considered action on proposed policy 101.11 and, in the process, voted to defer action on policy 101.11 and allow the Department to submit a second proposed policy on high school athletics.

c. Other policies affected:

No other policies are affected by this policy.

d. Arguments in support of the recommendation:

The proposed policy from the Department would strike a balance between the original proposed revisions from the PIG and the interest in maintaining surfing as a stand-alone policy. The proposed policy maintains the current authority that the various athletic associations and leagues have to govern high school athletics. This allows for athletics to continue to be offered without changes to the overall structure of the system.

In addition, the proposed revisions will streamline the administrative burden of updating the list of approved sports by requiring the Department to maintain a list that may be shared upon request.

e. Arguments against the recommendation:

Those opposing the proposed recommendation may favor streamlining the number of Board policies by combining all athletics related language into one policy.

f. Other agencies or departments of the State of Hawaii involved in the action:

No other agencies or departments were involved in the development of these proposed revisions.

- g. Possible reaction of the public, professional organizations, unions, DOE staff and/or others to the recommendation:

See section 4.e.

- h. Educational implications:

There are no educational impacts at this time.

- i. Facilities implications:

There are no facilities impacts at this time.

- j. Financial implications:

There are no financial impacts at this time.

5. OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS

None

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Attachments: Exhibit A: Proposed Policy 101.16 - Mark up and clean versions
Exhibit B: Proposed Policy 101.16 - Governance of High School Athletics
and List of Current Approved Sports

- c: Office of Strategy, Innovation, and Performance
Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Support

Exhibit A: Proposed Policy 101.16 - Mark up and clean versions

POLICY 101.16

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Rationale: High school sports promote a healthy lifestyle, enhance motor skill development, improve social skills, and support academic achievement. Involvement in sports helps to foster skills that youth will utilize in high school and adulthood.

Key

Italics and black: edits proposed by the Department.

Underlines: additional proposed text, beyond what was in the original policy.

~~Strikethrough:~~ proposed deletions, limited to the text that is struck-through and bracketed.

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Exhibit B: Proposed Policy 101.16 - Governance of High School Athletics and List of Current Approved Sports

Governing Bodies for High School Athletics in Hawaii

- The Hawaii High School Athletic Association (HHSAA) is the statewide governing association that the island level leagues, federations, and associations belong to. HHSAA conducts state tournaments, sanctions high school interscholastic athletic events, and establishes and monitors compliance with policies and regulations. A full list of the association’s objectives and services is available at: <http://www.sportshigh.com/about>.
- The Big Island Interscholastic Federation (BIIF) governs Big Island athletics as a member of HHSAA.
- The Kauai Interscholastic Federation (KIF) governs Kauai athletics as a member of HHSAA.
- The Maui Interscholastic League (MIL) governs Maui athletics as a member of HHSAA.
- The Oahu Interscholastic Association (OIA) governs Oahu athletics as a member of HHSAA.

List of Sports Offered by all Leagues and For Competition in a State Tournament

Fall	Winter	Spring
Air Riflery	Basketball	Baseball
Bowling	Canoe Paddling	Golf
Cheerleading	Soccer	Judo
Cross Country	Swimming and Diving	Softball
Football	Wrestling	Tennis
Girls Volleyball		Track and Field
		Boy Volleyball
		Girls Water Polo

In addition to the sports offered statewide, individual leagues offer the following sports:

- BIIF: Eight (8) Man Football
- MIL: Surfing, Eight (8) Man Football
- OIA: Soft Tennis