

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 3, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2962
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2962, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve Hawaii's charter school system by adopting many of the priority proposals developed by the Task Force on Charter School Governance that was established by Act 87, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005. Among other things, this bill:

- (1) Provides consistency and clarity for statutes relating to the administration and governance of charter schools by recodifying and reorganizing the statutes into a new chapter;
- (2) Renames new century charter schools and new century conversion charter schools as "charter schools" and "conversion charter schools," respectively;
- (3) Clarifies that conversion charter schools fall under the category of "charter schools" but distinguishing between the procedures for establishing charter schools and conversion charter schools by creating separate sections for each;



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- (4) Provides that conversion charter schools may be a new school consisting of programs or sections of existing public school programs or sections of existing public school populations that are part of a separate Hawaiian Language Immersion Program and using existing public school facilities;
- (5) Renames the Charter School Review Panel as the Charter School Authorization Panel, expanding its membership, and assigning it the role of charter school authorizer;
- (6) Sets limits on the amount a nonprofit organization can contribute annually per pupil, toward the operation of a conversation charter school;
- (7) Clarifies and enhances the powers and duties of the Charter School Administrative Office (CSAO) and its executive director;
- (8) Empowers the local school boards of the charter schools to negotiate memorandum of agreements of supplemental collective bargaining agreements with the exclusive representatives of their employees;
- (9) Allows civil service employees of a conversion charter school to retain their civil service status in the Department of Education (DOE) Human Resources Civil Service System; and
- (10) Amends other parts of the Hawaii Revised Statutes to maintain consistency with the provisions of the new chapter relating to charter schools.

DOE, the Board of Education, CSAO, Department of Human Resources Development, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and Kamehameha Schools supported this bill with amendments. The Department of Land and Natural Resources and Hawaii Government Employees Association offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

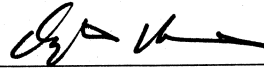
- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity and style.



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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2962, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2962, H.D. 2.

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



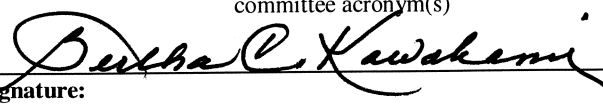
DWIGHT TAKAMINE, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2962 HD1		Date: 2.27.06		
Committee Referral: EDN/LAB, FIN		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (C)	✓			
2. KAWAKAMI, Bertha C. (VC)	✓			
3. CARROLL, Mele				✓
4. CHONG, Pono	✓			
5. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
6. LEE, Marilyn B.	✓			
7. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.	✓			
8. NAKASONE, Bob	✓			
9. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
10. TANAKA, Kameo	✓			
11. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
12. WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
13. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
15. MEYER, Colleen Rose				✓
16. MOSES, Mark S.		✓		
17. PINE, Kymberly				✓
18. STEVENS, Anne V.				✓
TOTAL	13	1		4
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's Signature: 				
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