

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2610
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Education and Military Affairs and Water, Land, and Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 2610, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support charter schools.

Specifically, this measure establishes:

- (1) A charter schools facilities fund partnership;
- (2) A tax credit for landlords who rent or lease property to charter schools; and
- (3) Reimbursement to new century charter schools for rental or mortgage payments made for charter school facilities.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Board of Education and the Department of Education. Testimony in support of the intent of this measure was submitted by the Charter School Administrative Office. Comments to this measure were received from the Department of Taxation, the Hawaii Government Employees Association, and the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.



Your Committees find that certain of this measure's provisions remain underdeveloped, and with the exception of the provision encouraging the State to enter into leases with new century charter schools, will omit most of them in the final version.


Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Omitting the provisions relating to the establishment of the charter schools facilities fund partnership; the tax credit to landlords renting to a new century charter school; and new century charter school reimbursement for rent, lease, or mortgage payments;
- (2) Inserting a provision from Senate Bill 2707, S.D. 2, relating to facilities funding for new century charter schools; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Military Affairs and Water, Land, and Agriculture that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2610, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2610, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Education and
Military Affairs and Water,
Land, and Agriculture,



RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, Chair


NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



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Measure:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
HB 2610 HD2	EDM/WLA, WAM	03/20/06
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____		
The Recommendation is to:		
<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	Ayes	Ayes(WR)
SAKAMOTO, Norman (C)	✓	
HOOSER, Gary L. (VC)	✓	
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓	
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓	
TSUTSUI, Shan S.		
HOGUE, Bob	✓	
TOTAL	5	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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Measure:* <i>HB2610 HD2</i>	Committee Referral: <i>EDM/WLA, NAM</i>	Date: <i>3/20/06</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is to: <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	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
KOKUBUN, Russell S. (C)	/			
HOOSER, Gary L. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred				/
TOTAL	<i>3</i>			<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center;"><i>Russell S. Kolb</i></div>				
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