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From: Linda Elento, Member of The Hawaii Down Syndrome Congress

To: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair

Re: EDU March 17, 2008, 1:15pm
SCR115: Pilot: DOE Rules/Policies/Decisions

SCR 115 states, "WHEREAS, charter schools have been given the opportunity to operate free of many of the department rules and policies."

We ask that the Committee on Education include in SCR115:

A review of the impact of the Hawaii Revised Statutes **§302B-15** that specifically states the Department of Education may offer staff, funding, or both – which does not complement the **§302B-1** definition of *Charter school*. The definition of a Charter school can only be implemented by **§302B-15** stating the Charter school may request...

Hawaii Revised Statutes

§302B-1 Definitions.

"Charter school" refers to those public schools holding charters to operate as charter schools under this chapter, including start-up and conversion charter schools, and that have the flexibility and independent authority to implement alternative frameworks with regard to curriculum, facilities management, instructional approach, virtual education, length of the school day, week, or year, and personnel management.

§302B-15 Responsibilities of department of education; special education services.

...The department shall review all of the current individualized education programs of special education students enrolled in a charter school and may offer staff, funding, or both, to the charter school based upon a per-pupil weighted formula implemented by the department and used to allocate resources for special education students in the public schools. [L 2006, c 298, pt of §2]

