



LATE TESTIMONY

State of Hawaii
Charter School Review Panel
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FOR: HCR 222, URGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO HASTEN ITS EFFORTS TO ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES TO ENABLE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAW GOVERNING CHARTER SCHOOLS

DATE: MARCH 17, 2010

TIME: 2:05 P.M.

COMMITTEE: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

ROOM: 309

FROM: ALVIN PARKER, Chairperson, Charter School Review Panel

Chair Takumi, Chair Chang and Members:

On behalf of the Charter School Review Panel (Panel), I submit this written testimony in support of HCR 222 with respect to the passage of the Administrative Rules. The Panel believes that it is critical that Administrative Rules (Rules) regarding the Panel's ability to revoke a charter be in place as quickly as possible in order for the Panel to continue to carry out its objectives in overseeing Hawaii's charter schools. The Panel has worked closely with the Board of Education (Board) on the drafting of the Rules and believes the Board has acted expeditiously in having the Rules approved.

Regarding Waters of Life, the Panel has been working very closely with the new Executive Director, Mr. Daniel Caluya, regarding correcting the many deficiencies that had been raised in the past. Since being hired, Mr. Caluya has worked diligently in resolving many of the issues raised and keeps the Panel informed on a monthly basis. Even after the passage of the Rules, the Panel, in accordance with its operating procedures and as provided for under the Hawaii Revised Statutes, will continue to monitor the progress of Waters of Life to determine the appropriate action.

I thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony on this resolution.

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Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Berg, and members of the Committee on Education:

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and procedure related to the provision of special education and related services.

This matter is critical because despite testimony provided to Board of Education and Charter School Review Panel approximately one a year ago and the posting of a "Primer" dated over four years ago on the DOE's website, administrative rules have not been developed as is mandated, and decisions are having to be made based on no clear written guidelines or procedures, which also affects budget matters.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.