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LATE TESTIMONY

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FROM: Maunalei Love, Executive Director

Testimony **opposing** S.B. No. 2470 S.D. No. 2

Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Berg, and Members of the Committee:

Aloha,

I am Maunalei Love, executive director of the Hawaii Charter School Administrative Office ("CSAO"). I want to thank the chair and the entire committee for the time and effort being spent to remedy the issue of adequately providing needed resources to all public schools. The CSAO supports providing all of Hawaii's students the educational opportunities that will enable them to succeed.

While we support the intent of this bill to provide Hawaii's public school students with the best education possible by ensuring the instructional days and hours delivered, we cannot support this approach because it would inhibit the autonomous ability of charter schools in providing instruction. This bill is problematic because there is no real definition of "instructional days" or "instructional hours" and some charter curricula (e.g. under project based instruction) will never be easily reduced to instructional days or hours, whatever the definition. For this reason, we cannot support this bill.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.