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Office

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COMMITTEE(S): Education and Housing ROOM: Conference Room 225

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Testimony in **support** of S.B. No. 2588

Chair Sakamoto, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

Aloha, I am Maunalei Love, executive director of the 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 students to give them the educational opportunities that will enable them to succeed.

We support SB2588, requiring the Charter School Administrative Office to withhold funds for its operational expenses, including salaries for staff and the executive director, with the total amount of withheld funds being determined by the review panel and shall not exceed two per cent of the total charter school general fund appropriation.

This bill will clarify that the charter school administrative office is a state office, is paid for with state funds, with the intent being to have these funds taken before allocations are paid out to the schools.

The CSAO is ready, willing, and able to help with any revisions. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.