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Testimony of
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Before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION & HOUSING

Monday, February 8, 2010, 1:45 PM
State Capitol, Room 225

S.B. 2704 RELATING TO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

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

The Administration **strongly supports** S.B. 2704 and recommends that the Committee adopt the technical amendments proposed by the Office of the Attorney General.

Current state laws hinder public charter schools' success by:

- (1) Artificially restraining the growth of public charter schools by restricting the number of public charter schools that can operate within the State;
- (2) Limiting charter authorization powers to a single entity; and
- (3) Inequitably funding public charter schools students in comparison to their peers at conventional public schools.

This Administration-sponsored bill seeks to address these challenges and improve the public charter school system by:

- (1) Repealing the cap on the number of charter schools allowed to operate within the state. Currently, Hawaii is limited to starting one new public charter school for every two existing start-up charter schools that have been accredited for a minimum of three years; or for each start-up charter school whose charter is revoked. The total number of conversion charter schools is statutorily capped at 25.
- (2) Allowing nonprofit organizations located either in-state or out-of-state and higher educational institutions located in-state to become a charter authorizer. Currently only the Charter School Review Panel, with the oversight of the Board of

Education, can authorize a new charter school. The Charter School Review Panel is currently composed of twelve members, including two public charter school teachers, two educational officers employed at public charter schools, one member of a public charter school local school board, the chair of the Board of Education, one representative from a Hawaii culture-focused charter school, one member with a business background, one member with a background in building trades or real estate, and a representative from the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools.

- (3) Setting the per pupil funding for charter schools at the same level as conventional schools in the annual Department of Education approved budget. The amount of the per pupil funding to the charter school students is \$6,258.02 for FY 2009-2010, whereas the per pupil funding to non-charter public school students is \$11,520.

The bill also creates a Deputy Superintendent of Public Charter Schools who will serve under a restructured Department of Education and a new Governor-appointed Superintendent of Education, as proposed in the Administration-sponsored bills S.B. 2706 and 2707.

In addition, Hawaii's ability to compete for more than \$4 billion in federal stimulus funds in the Race to the Top Fund will be improved by strengthening the State's public charter school law since the federal government will evaluate states' commitment to expanding successful, high-performing public charter schools and shutting down poor performing public charter schools.

Lastly, the Administration recommends that the Committee adopt the amendments proposed in the testimony submitted by the Attorney Generals' Office, which propose technical changes to the definition section in chapter 302B. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, 2010**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

S.B. NO. 2704, RELATING TO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND HOUSING

DATE: Monday, February 8, 2010 **TIME:** 1:45 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 225

TESTIFIER(S): Mark J. Bennett, Attorney General, or
Holly T. Shikada, Deputy Attorney General, or Melissa
W.H. Chee, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Sakamoto and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General provides these comments to address potential legal problems that may arise with respect to this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to strengthen public education by repealing the statutory limit on the number of public charter schools, allowing multiple charter school authorizers, and ensuring that public charter school students receive funding equal to non-charter public school students.

Section 5 of the bill, which begins on page 7, contains amendments to Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) section 302B-1, "definitions." A definition of "charter authorizer" or "authorizer" has been added giving other entities in addition to the charter school review panel powers and duties to issue and revoke charters, approve detailed implementation plan revisions, and conduct public charter school evaluations. The amendments throughout the bill to other sections of HRS chapter 302B are consistent with this intent. There appears, however, to have been an oversight in not amending paragraphs (6) and (11) of the "organizational viability" definition under section 302B-1.

In order for a charter school to be deemed organizationally viable, the charter school must be in compliance with all eleven paragraphs contained in the definition of "organizational viability" in section 302B-1. Paragraphs (6) and (11) of the "organizational viability" definition currently reads as follows: "(6) Cooperates with board, panel, and office requirements in conducting its functions;" and "(11) Complies with all panel directives, policies, and procedures."

To fulfill what appears to be the intent of this bill, we recommend that the bill be amended to replace the term "panel" in paragraphs (6) and (11) under the definition of "organizational viability" with "authorizer." Without this amendment, a charter authorizer other than the panel would have no ability to require a charter school it has authorized to cooperate with the authorizer in conducting the authorizer's functions and would have no ability to require a charter school it has authorized to comply with the authorizer's directives, policies, and procedures. Thus, for an authorizer other than the charter school review panel, paragraphs (6) and (11) under the definition of "organizational viability" would have no force or effect.

Date: 02/08/2010

Committee: Senate Education and Housing

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn Matayoshi, Interim Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 2704 RELATING TO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.

Purpose of Bill: Repeals the cap on public charter schools, allows for multiple public charter school authorizers, requires public charter schools to apply for charter reauthorization, and ensures that public charter school students receive funding equal to non-charter public school students; authorizes the Governor to appoint the Charter School Review Panel with the advice and consent of the Senate; transfers the oversight of the Charter School Administrative Office from an executive director to a Deputy Superintendent of Public Charter Schools; makes technical amendments to clarify that charter schools are part of the state public education system; and improves Hawaii's ability to compete for federal funding under the Race to the Top grant program of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Department's Position: The Department of Education opposes this bill. The issue of equitable funding should be resolved as proposed in SB 2587, which creates a charter schools funding task force to establish a consistent and equitable method of allocating funding and resources to charter schools. The issue of equity of funding is very complex and requires in-depth analysis. The probability of reaching agreements regarding equitable funding is much greater with the key decision-makers who would be members of this task force.



SB2704
RELATING TO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS
Committee on Education and Housing

Date: February 8, 2010
Room: 225

Time: 1:45 p.m.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) supports SB2704 with reservations. This act will improve the State's educational system, remove barriers to public charter school and innovation, and improve Hawai'i's ability to rigorously compete for new federal funding by:

- 1) Repealing the limit on the number of new start-up and conversion public charter schools allowed in the State;
- 2) Allowing multiple public charter school authorizers to operate within the State;
- 3) Establishing a public charter reauthorization process; and
- 4) Ensuring that public charter school students are funded at an equitable level to students at non-charter public schools.

OHA has reservations on language transferring the oversight of the charter school administrative office from an executive director to a deputy superintendent for public charter schools appointed by the superintendent of education. While this may streamline administrative functioning especially in relation to proposed changes in charter authorizers, the relationship between the CSAO director and the charter school community has been beneficial and advantageous to the charter school community. This aspect of the act deserves more public input.

In addition, OHA finds that there is insufficient attention paid to § 9 302B-5 (d) (3) and §10 302B-6 (d) (3), Hawai'i Revised Statutes, both of which refer to the application for start-up and conversion charters which state:

(d) (3) The curriculum and instructional framework to be used to achieve student outcomes, including an assessment plan;

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These sections are key in addressing the success factors outlined in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. ARRA states under "Competition Priorities, Priority 1: Absolute Priority -Comprehensive Approach to Educational Reform":

To meet this priority, the State's application must comprehensively and coherently address all of the four education reform areas specified in the ARRA as well as the State Success Factors Criteria in order to demonstrate that the State and its participating LEAs are taking a systemic approach to education reform. The State must demonstrate in its application sufficient LEA participation and commitment to successfully implement and achieve the goals in its plans; and it must describe how the State, in collaboration with its participating LEAs, will use Race to the Top and other funds to increase achievement, decrease the achievement gaps across student subgroups, and increase the rates at which students graduate from a high school prepared for college and careers.

The State of Hawaii's Race to the Top application signed on January 15, 2010 by the Governor, the State Superintendent, and the Board of Education Chair falls short, for example, in its plan to decrease the achievement gap across student subgroups. In Section I: Selection Criteria: Progress and Plans in the Four Education Reform Areas, page 13, the application states:

The State's Native Hawaiian students and economically disadvantaged students experience the largest disparities in academic achievement as compared to "all students", and in order to meet its commitment to closing the achievement gaps, the HIDOE

must therefore analyzes student subgroup categories with a different lens than that which is used by the federal government.

The State cites 2009 HAS data for Native Hawaiian students for proficiency in HAS math (-13%) and HAS Reading (-11%) as evidence of that disparity. In five years, the HIDOE hopes to change the Native Hawaiian proficiency levels as follows: HAS Math (- 8%) and HAS Reading (-7%). In order to "achieve ambitious targets" in statewide impact for Native Hawaiians the application states that "HIDOE will collaborate with the UH to provide data and information to meet these and other goals along the P20 continuum (p.13)." No other strategies are given in regards to rectifying this disparity. OHA maintains that this effort is less than minimum and is unacceptable. Given that the curriculum and instructional framework is not defined and that the plan to decrease the achievement gap is deferred to the

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University of Hawai'i, the effort herein to improve Hawai'i's ability to rigorously compete for federal funding appears ineffective.

The Center for Education Reform recently gave Hawai'i's public charter school law a "D" grade in an evaluation of the state's ability to compete for Race to the Top funding. The current limit on public charter schools, the lack of multiple public charter school authorizers, and the state's ambiguous commitment to equitable funding for students at public charter schools are but some of the compelling reasons for the low grade. Some other reasons are suggested in OHA's reservations: 1) the need for public discourse on CSAO oversight; and, 2) lack of rigor in the HIDOE's plan to increase achievement and decrease the achievement gap for Native Hawaiians and other economically disadvantaged subgroups.

OHA supports SB2704 because it seeks to remove barriers to federal funding but recommends more rigorous language to address HIDOE's plan to increase achievement, decrease the achievement gaps across student subgroups, and increase the rates at which students graduate from a high school and are prepared for college and careers.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2010

Comments:

Dear Chair Sakamoto, Vice Chair Kidani, and Esteemed Senators Chun-Oakland, Galuteria, Tsutsui and Hemmings of the Senate EDH Committee,

HCSN supports SB2704 which aligns very well with the Federal Race to the Top competition.

We also recognize that there are potential challenges and unintended consequences of certain far-reaching elements of this comprehensive bill. We also wonder whether certain premises are based on future changes in Board of Education governance, which as we understand would likely require Constitutional changes. Of main concern is converting CSAO's functions to a Deputy Superintendent in the DOE. Nationally, the public charter school authorizer generally retains such functions, but we withhold any judgment on what such a set up might look like.

We do acknowledge that an arrangement providing direct accountability to the Governor's Office is likely some time in the future.

We support this bill moving forward.

Sincerely,
Curtis Muraoka, Vice President
Hawaii Charter Schools Network
The Unified Voice of Hawaii's 31 Public Charter Schools



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February 8, 2010

Honorable Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Senate Committee on Education and Housing

Re: SB2704, Relating to Public Charter Schools – Support intent
EDH Committee – February 8, 2010, Conference Room 225, 1:45 PM

Aloha Chair Sakamoto, Vice Chair Kidani and Committee members:

On behalf of the Hawaii Technology Academy (HTA), a public charter school which serves students in Oahu, Kauai, Hawaii Island and parts of Maui, thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony supporting the intent of this bill.

We support the repeal of the cap on public charter schools, having multiple public charter school authorizers, reauthorization of charter schools, funding equity for charter and non-charter schools, and improvements to enhance the state's ability to compete for federal funding under the Race to the Top (RTT) initiative.

We take no position on the provisions to allow the Governor to appoint a Charter School Review Panel (CSRP) with the advice and consent of the Senate and the transfer of the Charter School Administrative Office (CSAO) from an Executive Director to a Deputy Superintendent of Public Charter Schools. We defer to the CSRP and the CSAO on these matters.

HTA is one of Hawaii's 31 public charter schools that are part of the state public school system. Like Hawaii DOE schools, charter schools comply with federal and state education standards. We support efforts like this to improve Hawaii's public education system.

Most of all, we endorse changes that create equitable funding and a supportive environment for all DOE and public charter schools to better position Hawaii in competition for U.S. Department of Education's Race to the Top (RTT) initiative. States with policies in place supporting equitable funding for all public school students are at greater competitive advantage to qualify for RTT and other federal grant programs.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge members to support passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

Jeff Piontek
Hawaii Technology Academy Head of School

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Submitted on: 2/6/2010

Comments:

In support of SB2704 I ask that you help support equity and social justice for public charter school children according to Federal Race to the Top guidelines for potential funding of \$75MIL. Provide equity in funding for all public school children. Provide an equal amount per student for all "special needs" students in ALL public schools. Provide a facilities allowance and allow for growth, Lift the "cap"..

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Conference room: 225
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Comments:

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sakamoto2 - Erin

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Submitted on: 2/5/2010

Comments:

I support SB2704; as a Special Education teacher at Connections Public Charter School in Hilo, I see first hand how much our charter schools need financial support. Please support our students and allow them to benefit from this measure.

sakamoto2 - Erin

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Testifier position: support
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Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/7/2010

Comments:

As a founder of a K-12 Honolulu charter school I ask that you support SB2704 for equity and social justice for public charter school children according to Federal Race to the Top guidelines for potential funding of \$75MIL. Provide equity in funding for all public school children. Provide an equal amount per student for all students. Provide a facilities allowance and allow for growth, by lifting the current "cap" on new charter schools in Hawaii. Over the past 10 yrs, charter schools have proven to be effective, solution based centers of learning operating on half the budget of system schools. Families choosing charter schools deserve the same resources available to system schools without annual petitioning of the legislature for lawful equity for a PUBLIC school child's education. Mahalo for supporting charter schools.

sakamoto2 - Erin

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Submitted on: 2/7/2010

Comments:

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Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 2/7/2010

Comments:

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Mahalo for your time.

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Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing in support of SB2704. This bill will seek equity in funding for Charter Schools and lift the cap of Charter Schools in Hawai'i. This needs to go hand in hand because the increase of Charter Schools over the past year has affected the amounts each of the previous schools had. Without an increase of of funding, atleast equal that to DOE schools, you would drastically cut our budgets.

Each child deserves equal opportunities for education, make it happen.

Mahalo

sakamoto2 - Erin

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Comments:

I teach at a charter school. When people ask my students what a charter school is, they say something like, "it's a public school, but we get to choose what we want to learn about." Then they'll be asked, "What's the difference?" They'll say, "We don't get as much money and our classes are in trailers and parks." WE ARE PROVIDING A PUBLIC SERVICE AND NEED TO BE TREATED AS SUCH. WE ARE PRODUCING SOME OF THE MOST CREATIVE INTELLECTUALS OF THE NEXT GENERATION. WE ARE ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF EDUCATIONAL PEDAGOGY, CURRICULUM, AND TECHNOLOGY. AND WE ARE A SAFE PLACE FOR ALTERNATIVE LEARNERS TO BECOME LEADERS, WHICH MUCH CHEAPER THAN PRISON.

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Comments:
Support equity and social justice for public charter school children. Support charter school children according to Federal Race to the Top guidelines for potential funding of \$75 MIL. Provide equity in funding for all public school children with a uniform "per student" amount provided for each student. Provide a facilities allowance and allow growth. Lift the 'cap'. Pass SB2704 for the future of public education in Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2010

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/3/2010

Comments:

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Comments:

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2/7/2010

Aloha kakou ,

I am a supporter and current staff member of a Public Charter School. I have also taught in the Department of Education (regular school) for nearly 20 years.... I appeal to you to re examine the current status of support for the Charter Schools. What is very clear to me is that the Charter School innovative movement in education will soar and survive if ONLY given equitable and just funding from a lifting of the cap. I am **in support of SB2704** I ask that you help support equity and social justice for public charter school children according to Federal Race to the Top guidelines for potential funding of \$75MIL. Provide equity in funding for all public school children. Provide an equal amount per student for all "special needs" students in ALL public schools. Provide a facilities allowance and allow for growth, **Lift the "cap"..**

Ella Kawahine Tokunaga

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Submitted on: 2/7/2010

Comments:

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
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As a parent of a child that attends a charter school , I believe that these schools are innovative and stimulate young peoples minds to learn and to become citizens that are responsible for themselves and to their community. If these schools are not allotted the same amount of monies as DOE schools then these children become an underserved population. This is not fair. Please support this bills. Mahalo.

sakamoto2 - Erin

From: berg1-Matthew
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2010 8:38 AM
To: EDH Testimony
Subject: FW: SB2704

From: Susan Hicks [mailto:butterflysh@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Saturday, February 06, 2010 11:06 AM
To: EDNtestimony
Subject: SB2704

Sirs,
I am emailing to support equity and justice for public school children.
I support charter school children according to the Federal "Race to the Top " guidelines, for potential funding of \$75 million.
Please pass bill SB 2704, for the future of public educationj in Hawaii.

Susan Hicks
Keaau.