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COMMITTEE(S): Education and Higher Education

ROOM:

**Conference Room 309** 

FROM:

Maunalei Love, Executive Director

Comments on S.B. No. 2828 S.D. No. 1

Chairs Roy Takumi and Jerry Chang, Vice Chairs Lyla Berg and Mark Nakashima, and Members of the Committees:

## 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. The CSAO supports providing the charter schools access to facilities for our students to give them the educational opportunities that will enable them to succeed.

As this bill addresses the program of school impact fees, paid by residential developments, we believe this bill should be amended to provide for a "charter school option" whereby a residential developer could enter into an agreement with an existing charter school or one in the process of starting, to provide the facilities for that charter school in lieu of the school impact fees.

We support providing facility support for public charter schools. 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.

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