

**SCR 108**

**Testimony**

WRITTEN COMMENT

Date: 04/07/2010

Committee: Senate Ways and Means

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Kathryn Matayoshi, Interim Superintendent of Education

**Title of Resolution:** SCR 108, SD1 REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A TASK FORCE TO ESTABLISH A CONSISTENT FUNDING FORMULA, PROCESS, OR BOTH, BY WHICH EQUITABLE FUNDING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS IS DETERMINED.

**Purpose of Resolution:** REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A TASK FORCE TO ESTABLISH A CONSISTENT FUNDING FORMULA, PROCESS, OR BOTH, BY WHICH EQUITABLE FUNDING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS IS DETERMINED.

**Department's Position:** The Department supports SCR 108. There have been previous informal attempts to develop an equitable funding methodology. 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.

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**FOR:** SCR 108 SD1 Requesting the Convening of a Task Force to Establish a Consistent Funding Formula, Process, or Both by Which Equitable Funding to Charter Schools is Determined

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 7, 2010

**TIME:** 9:30 a.m.

**COMMITTEE(S):** Ways and Means

**ROOM:** Conference Room 211

**FROM:** Maunalei Love, Executive Director

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Comments in **support of the intent** of S.C.R. No. 108 S.D. 1

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Tsutsui, 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 charter school and all public schools students to give them the educational opportunities that will enable them to succeed.

The ongoing work of interested public education stakeholders is increasing the transparency and understanding of educational funding. These efforts must continue. As such, we support the intent of this measure to expand upon that work.

We recommend that the following sentence be added to recognize the accomplishments of that group:

"Whereas, numerous stakeholders from the Department of Education, the Charter School Administrative Office, education community, charter schools, and the legislature have been meeting regularly to resolve these issues;"

We also recommend that Na Lei Na'auao be represented on the Task Force as a member of the Hawaiian charter school contingency.

In addition, we request that funding be provided for any costs associated with the CSAO supporting the Task Force.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments.