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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHES THE MULTIPLE CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A STRATEGIC, INTEGRATED, AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO INTEGRATE MULTIPLE CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZERS INTO HAWAII'S CHARTER SCHOOL LAW.

1           WHEREAS, charter schools are public schools that operate  
2 with less regulation, giving parents an opportunity to choose a  
3 school they believe is more suitable for their children's  
4 education; and

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6           WHEREAS, there are 31 charter schools in Hawai'i with an  
7 enrollment of around 8,200 students; and

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9           WHEREAS, the growth of charter schools is limited due to a  
10 cap that only allows for authorization of up to three new  
11 charter schools upon the accreditation of one existing charter  
12 school for three or more years; and

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14           WHEREAS, Hawai'i's charter schools are in high demand with  
15 more than 3,000 prospective students on waiting lists and not  
16 enough room to accommodate them; and

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18           WHEREAS, charter school authorizers are entities charged by  
19 law to approve new schools, monitor their compliance with  
20 applicable laws, and regulations, and evaluate their performance  
21 to make decisions about charter renewal and closure; and

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23           WHEREAS, Hawai'i has one authorizer, the Charter School  
24 Review Panel, made up of twelve members representing various  
25 constituencies in Hawai'i's education community, and is  
26 appointed by and under the oversight of the Board of Education;  
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1 WHEREAS, multiple authorizers is the term given to entities  
2 other than local school boards that have authority under state  
3 law to approve charter schools; and  
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5 WHEREAS, allowing multiple authorizers grant various groups  
6 a broader range of paths to obtaining a charter, brings the  
7 resources of outside entities and organizations, and helps  
8 ensure accountability through a strong authorizer school  
9 relationship; and  
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11 WHEREAS, the National Alliance For Public Charter Schools,  
12 a leading national organization dedicated to advancing the  
13 charter school movement advocates for multiple authorizers as  
14 reflected in its Model Law; and  
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16 WHEREAS, of the forty states with charter school laws,  
17 twenty-one allow multiple authorizers; and  
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19 WHEREAS, the implementation of multiple authorizers in  
20 Hawaii requires more study on implementation and integration  
21 into Hawaii's unique one school district state; now, therefore,  
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
24 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
25 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Multiple Charter School  
26 Authorizer Task Force be created to:  
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28 (1) Develop a strategic, integrated, and comprehensive  
29 plan to integrate multiple authorizers into Hawaii's  
30 charter school law; and  
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32 (2) Determine organization or institutions that would be  
33 granted chartering authority; and  
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force consist of seven  
36 members as follows; and  
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38 (1) One member appointed by the Governor;

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40 (2) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House;

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42 (3) One member appointed by the President of the Senate;  
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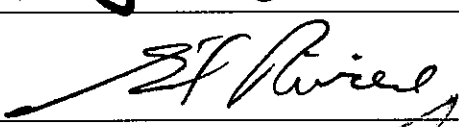

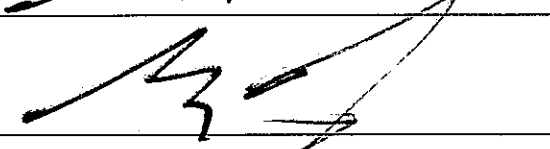
- 1 (4) The Executive Director of the Charter School Network
- 2 or the Director's designee;
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- 4 (5) The President of the University of Hawaii or the
- 5 President's designee;
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- 7 (6) The President of Kamehameha Schools or the President's
- 8 designee; and
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- 10 (7) The Executive Director of the Hawaii Association of
- 11 Independent Schools or the Director's designee; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Multiple Charter School  
 14 Authorizer Task Force is requested to collaborate with  
 15 interested stakeholders, including the Department of Education,  
 16 the Charter School Administrative Office, and the Hawaii State  
 17 Teachers Association; and

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 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Multiple Charter School  
 20 Authorizer Task Force submit a report of its findings, including  
 21 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than  
 22 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
 23 2012; and

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 25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the  
 27 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the  
 28 Senate, the Executive Director of the Charter School Network,  
 29 the President of the University of Hawaii, the President of  
 30 Kamehameha Schools, and the Executive Director of the Hawaii  
 31 Association of Independent Schools.

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