

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 5, 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2115
S.D. 2
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 2115, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to strengthen Hawaii's charter school system by adopting the recommendations of the Charter School Governance, Accountability, and Authority Task Force and establishing new provisions governing charter schools and charter school governance and administration.

Kamehameha Schools and Hawaii Business Roundtable supported this bill. Many concerned individuals opposed this measure. The Department of Education, Department of the Attorney General, Charter School Administrative Office, State Procurement Office, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hawaii State Teachers Association, Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network, Hawaii Educational Policy Center, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, Common Cause Hawaii, and several concerned individuals provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

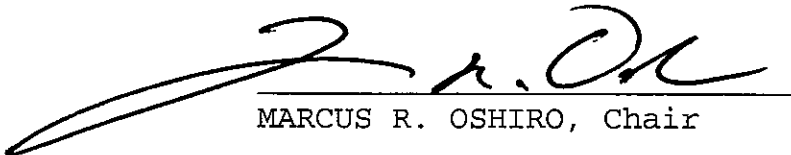
- (1) Making unspecified the minimum annual per pupil contribution matching ratio required of nonprofit organizations managing and operating a conversion charter school;



- (2) Making unspecified the total required contribution amounts for school years 2012-2021 for nonprofit organizations managing and operating a conversion charter school;
- (3) Making unspecified the maximum percentage amount of federal grants and subsidies a charter school is required to pay the Department of Education as reimbursement for administrative services related to the federal grants and subsidies;
- (4) Making unspecified the maximum percentage amount of supplemental federal grants a charter school is required to pay the Department of Education as reimbursement for administrative services related to the supplemental federal grants;
- (5) Making unspecified the maximum percentage amount of the annual charter school general fund allocation that may be withheld for the operational expenses of the Charter School Administrative Office;
- (6) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2030, to encourage further discussion; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2115, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2115, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



