

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAY 01 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2116  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1  
C.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2012  
State of Hawaii

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

Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 2116, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to facilitate the implementation of the recommendations of the Charter School Governance, Accountability, and Authority Task Force by:

- (1) Requiring the Board of Education to contract for an Implementation and Transition Coordinator (Coordinator) to assist with the implementation of S.B. No. 2115, Regular Session of 2012, which reorganizes the charter school governance structure; and
- (2) Making an unspecified appropriation to support the Coordinator position.



Your Committee on Conference finds that the Charter School Governance, Accountability, and Authority Task Force ("Task Force") was established pursuant to Act 130, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, in response to questions and concerns raised by policy makers and advocates alike about the integrity of Hawaii's charter school governance structure and the overall strength of Hawaii's laws in establishing clear lines of authority to ensure accountability of the charter school system.

The Task Force concluded its work and issued its report and recommendations to the Legislature, which are included in S.B. No. 2115 (2012). This measure will provide the Department of Education and charter school stakeholders with the means to create a comprehensive transition framework to implement the recommendations of the Task Force to move Hawaii's charter schools toward greater student outcomes.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$500,000 to fund the Coordinator position;
- (2) Making this measure effective on July 1, 2012; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2116, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2116, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.




Respectfully submitted on behalf  
of the managers:

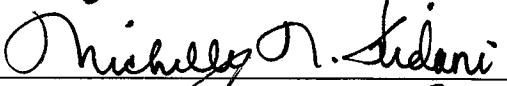
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ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

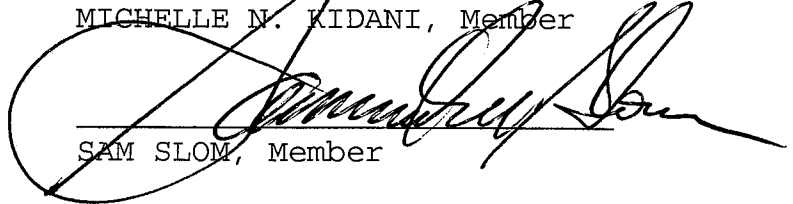
  
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Record of Votes of a Conference Committee

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The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.

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Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
TOKUDA, Jill N., Chr.	X				BELATTI, Della Au, Co-Chr.	X			
<del>ICE, David Y., Co Chr.</del>					YAMASHITA, Kyle T., Co-Chr.	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X				TAKUMI, Roy M.	X			
SLOM, Sam	X				JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

A = Aye      WR = Aye with Reservations      N = Nay      E = Excused

Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted	House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted
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Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 	House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 
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