

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

729

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01 2013

RE: S.B. No. 244  
S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 244, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to revise and update the laws regarding charter schools and the State Public Charter School Commission (Commission).

More specifically, this measure, among other things:

- (1) Authorizes charter schools to carry over up to five per cent of most appropriations at the close of a fiscal year;
- (2) Requires charter schools to complete annual independent financial audits;
- (3) Requires the Commission to develop procedures regarding criminal history record checks;
- (4) Specifies enrollment requirements;
- (5) Authorizes the Commission to make facilities funding requests to the Legislature; and
- (6) Requires Commission members to disclose specified charter school relationships to the commission.



Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Board of Education, the Kualapu'u School Public Conversion Charter, the Hawaii Academy of Arts and Science Public Charter School, the Hawaii Technology Academy, the Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network, Ho'okako'o Corporation, and one individual.

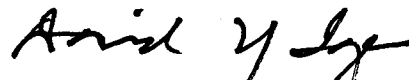
Your Committee finds that this measure promotes the goals of Act 130, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, to establish a solid governance structure for Hawaii's charter school system, by establishing clear lines of authority and accountability that will foster improved student outcomes.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the percentage of an appropriation that a charter school may carry over at the close of a fiscal year to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Requiring the Commission to submit its facilities funding request to the Director of Finance, rather than to the Legislature; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 244, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 244, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,



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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 244, SDI</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EDU/JDL, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2-27-13</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.				✓
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				✓
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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