

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 867

Honolulu, Hawaii
March, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 674
H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 674, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to further refine Hawaii's newly nascent charter school law by, among other things, requiring charter schools to complete an annual independent financial audit, specifying requirements for criminal background checks, specifying that per-pupil funding is considered expended upon distribution to the charter schools, and making various housekeeping amendments to Hawaii's Charter School Law.

The Board of Education, State Public Charter School Commission, National Association of Charter School Authorizers, and Hawaii Technology Academy supported this measure. The Hawaii State Ethics Commission, Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network, West Hawaii Explorations Academy, Enterprise Honolulu, and a concerned individual provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2030, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

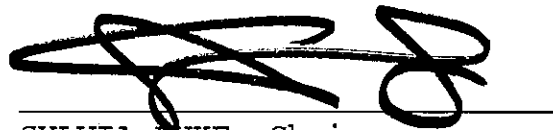
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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 674, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 674, H.D. 2.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



