

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2162

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 11 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2516

S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B.  
No. 2516 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate  
funds to the State Public Charter School Commission (Commission)  
to support its facilities pilot project.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the State Public Charter School Commission, Kamehameha  
Schools, Ho'okako'o Corporation, Hawaiian Education Council, Hawaii  
Public Charter Schools Network, School for Examining Essential  
Questions of Sustainability, Hawaii Academy of Arts and Science  
Public Charter School, Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u Iki, and  
thirty-seven individuals.

Your Committee finds that funding for facilities at Hawaii's  
charter schools has been a long standing issue that needs creative  
solutions. The Commission has created a pilot project for the  
allocation of funds to various charter schools for small scale  
facilities projects based, in part, on the need and performance of  
the charter schools. The Commission has currently allocated  
\$680,000 of federal impact aid for this pilot project, and if it  
keeps to its proposed timeline, the Commission would be able to  
vet first round projects prior to any general funds being  
released, should this measure pass. This measure will provide

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additional support to the pilot project to assist charter schools with their facilities needs, understanding that these funds are more flexible and can take into account a range of situations from lease rent to capital campaigns.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an appropriation amount of \$1,200,000 based on the Commission's oral testimony that the original amount of federal impact aid the Commission had set aside for the facilities pilot project was \$1,200,000.

Your Committee notes that the Commission is awaiting an opinion by the Attorney General on whether the Commission can use federal impact aid for its facilities pilot project. Your Committee has asked the Commission to inform your Committee and any committees that may subsequently consider this measure as soon as it receives the Attorney General's opinion on this issue.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2516, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2516, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

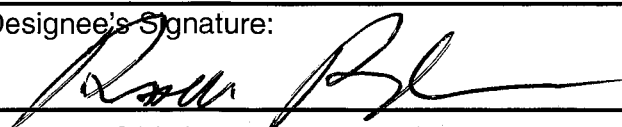
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Education,

  
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JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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| Bill / Resolution No.:*<br><b>SB2514</b>   | Committee Referral:<br><b>EDU, WAM</b> | Date:<br><b>2/3/14</b> |          |          |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.<br>If so, then the previous decision was to: _____  |  |                        |          |          |
| The Recommendation is:<br><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  |
| TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)  | X                                      |                        |          |          |
| KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)   |  |                        |          | X        |
| GABBARD, Mike  | X                                      |                        |          |          |
| RUDERMAN, Russell E.   | X                                      |                        |          |          |
| SLOM, Sam  | X                                      |                        |          |          |
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| Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted   |  |                        |          |          |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature:<br>   |  |                        |          |          |
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