

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 20, 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2517
S.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 2517, S.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve charter-school facilities in Hawaii by:

- (1) Authorizing the State Public Charter School Commission to request the issuance of general obligation bonds from the Director of Finance and to allocate the proceeds of the bond issuance for the design, planning, construction, repair, and maintenance of charter-school facilities;
- (2) Establishing the Charter School Facilities Funding Working Group; and
- (3) Authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriating funds to be expended by the State Public Charter School Commission to assist public charter schools with the design, planning, construction, repair, and maintenance of school facilities.



The State Public Charter School Commission, Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network, and numerous concerned individuals supported the bill. The Department of Budget and Finance and Kamehameha Schools submitted comments.

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. 2517, S.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair



