

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 18, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1001
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 1001 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make clarifying and conforming amendments to statutes governing charter school administration by:

- (1) Aligning the application requirements for start-up and conversion charter schools and clarifying requirements for charter school governing boards during the application phase;
- (2) Amending Board of Education and Department of Education reporting requirements; and
- (3) Providing students in a charter school that may be closing and educationally disadvantaged students with an enrollment priority preference at other charter schools.

The State Public Charter School Commission testified in support of this measure and proposed amendments.

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Your Committee has amended the measure to

- (1) Permit, rather than require, the authorizer to obtain an annual report from public charter schools which may include the status of the charter school's compliance with annual performance targets;
- (2) Permit, rather than require, a charter school to give special consideration to a student who is transferring from a closing charter school; and
- (3) Make technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity and style.

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 H.B. No. 1001, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1001, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair



