

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 17, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1744
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 1744 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to, among other things:

- (1) Require Department of Education (Department) school principals to make the athletic facilities of Department schools available for use by public charter schools under certain circumstances;
- (2) Provide public charter schools with the right of first refusal for the use of Department athletic facilities within the complex area in which the public charter school is located and on available dates; and
- (3) Require Department school principals to provide public charter schools with schedules of available dates for the use of athletic facilities.

The State Public Charter School Commission, Hawaii Academy of Arts and Science Public Charter School, Kua o ka La Charter School, Kamehameha Schools, Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network, and numerous concerned individuals supported this measure. The Department of Education and a concerned individual provided comments.



Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

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. 1744, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1744, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair



