

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 4, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2205
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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2205, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make amendments to certain statutory provisions governing public charter schools by:

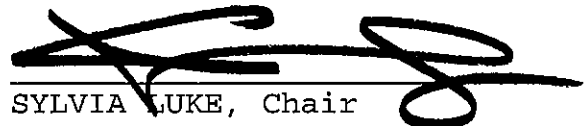
- (1) Prohibiting the State Public Charter School Commission from providing technical support to prospective public charter school applicants that would directly and substantially affect its decision related to the approval or denial of the charter application;
- (2) Establishing requirements for State Public Charter School Commission board meetings;
- (3) Providing a nonprofit organization that serves as the governing body of a conversion charter school with the same protections that are afforded to all other governing boards;
- (4) Exempting the State Public Charter School Commission from certain public meeting requirements; and
- (5) Authorizing public charter schools to assess fees and charges for co-curricular activities.



The State Public Charter School Commission provided testimony in support of this measure. The Board of Education, Kamehameha Schools, Kanu o ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana, Aha Punana Leo, Connections Public Charter School, and some individuals provided testimony in opposition. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network, and Hawaii Educational Policy Center provided comments.

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. 2205, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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


SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



