

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 20, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 232

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. 232 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support the State Public Charter School Commission's Facilities Pilot Project, which provides funds to various charter schools for small-scale facilities projects, while maintaining accountability by:

- (1) Appropriating funds for the Pilot Project based, in part, on the need and performance of the charter school; and
- (2) Requiring the Commission to submit a report to the Legislature on the use of the funds and the Commission's findings, conclusions, and recommendations regarding the Facilities Pilot Project.

The State Public Charter School Commission; the Administration of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Kamehameha Schools; Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network; Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement; Hawaii Island School Garden Network; Hawaii State Teachers Association; and a concerned individual testified in support of the measure.



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. 232 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



