

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 3, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2453
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. 2453, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

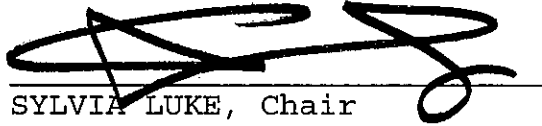
The purpose of this measure is to help strengthen public education in Hawaii by appropriating funds for start-up grants for one or more new pre-opening public charter schools that will meet the priority needs identified by the State Public Charter School Commission in its request for proposals for new schools.

The State Public Charter School Commission, Kamehameha Schools, the Hawaii Public Charter School Network, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and two individuals testified in support of this measure. The Hawaii State Teachers Association and IMUAlliance testified in opposition.

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. 2453, 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



