

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2973

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 2016

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

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, 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 and intent of this measure is to appropriate monies for start-up grants for new pre-opening public charter schools.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Public Charter School Commission, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hawaii Public Charter School Network, and Kamehameha Schools. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii State Teachers Association and IMUAlliance.

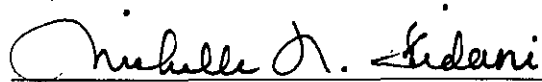
Your Committee finds that certain Department of Education schools operate at full or near-full capacity, and struggle with severe overcrowding on campuses. These conditions make it difficult for such schools to provide an effective learning environment for their students. Newly approved pre-opening charter schools that meet the priority needs identified by the State Public Charter School Commission could help alleviate the overcrowding in certain non-charter public schools, but the start-up costs associated with opening a school are often prohibitively high. Start-up grants would facilitate approved pre-opening schools absorbing those high start-up costs and consequently benefit all of Hawaii's public school students.

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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. 2453, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Education
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB2453, HD1	Committee Referral: EDU, WAM	Date: 3/18/16		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)				/
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	/			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	5			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes