

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3530

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 08 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2453
H.D. 1
S.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 Ways and Means, 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 funds for start-up grants for new pre-opening public charter schools.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the State Public Charter School Commission, Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network, Kamehameha Schools, and one individual.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii State Teachers Association and IMUAlliance.

Your Committee finds that public charter schools can often be established and begin operations in less time than a new public school that is under the direct control of the Department of Education, and that the creation of new public charter schools can help alleviate crowded conditions at certain public schools. Although the State previously provided start-up grants to assist public charter schools with their pre-opening costs, state assistance is not currently available to help the schools meet their pre-opening challenges. Providing start-up grants to new

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public charter schools would help address high start-up costs, facilitate the opening of new schools, help address crowding in other public schools, and thus benefit all of Hawaii's public school students.

Your Committee notes that the amount appropriated by this measure should not be construed as intended to assist only one public charter school.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting \$200,000 as the appropriation amount.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2453, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2453, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

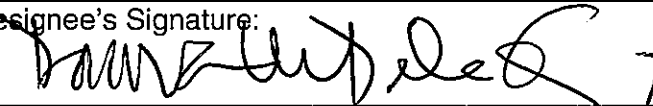


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 2453, HD1	Committee Referral: EDU, WAM	Date: 3/11/16		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn				/
SLOM, Sam	/			
TOTAL	9			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