

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 110

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2015

RE: S.B. No. 850

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 850 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to fund the State Public Charter School Commission facilities pilot project.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Public Charter School Commission, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network, Malama Honua Charter School, Hawaii Academy of Arts and Sciences, Kamehameha Schools, Maui Cattlemen's Association, Hawaii State Teachers Association, and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that facilities funding is one of the greatest concerns for public charter schools. Some schools lack adequate food service facilities, and must provide school meals through vendors. Operational funds are stretched to cover the cost of facilities, in many cases. Additional funding is necessary to alleviate the overwhelming financial burden of operating facilities that is imposed on public charter schools.

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 S.B. No. 850 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

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MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



