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Location: 309
Committee: House Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 1744 RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES.

Purpose of Bill: Provides public charter schools with the right of first refusal for the use of DOE athletic facilities within the school complex area and on available dates. Requires DOE school principals to provide public charter schools with schedules of available dates for the use of athletic facilities.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education is concerned about this measure's potential impact on our schools and offers comments on this bill.

This bill requires Principals to submit the complex area charter schools their schedule of available dates and times as well as updates to the schedules as it changes. Principals may have difficulty in complying with this requirement.

There are certain DOE schools that host other DOE schools' athletic events due to lack of available facilities. Giving public charter schools right of first refusal may result in scheduling conflicts for many OIA events.

There are already established processes for charter schools to use DOE facilities. The DOE recommends charter schools continue following the established processes. The DOE can also work with charter schools to further develop and clarify these processes.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

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FOR: HB 1744 Relating to Public School Facilities
DATE: Monday, February 08, 2016
TIME: 2:00 PM
COMMITTEE(S): House Committee on Education
ROOM: Conference Room 309
FROM: Tom Hutton, Executive Director
State Public Charter School Commission

Testimony in support HB 1744

Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ohno, and members of the Committee:

The Commission appreciates this opportunity to testify in support of this proposal, which would help ensure that Hawaii’s public charter school students have better access to athletic facilities. We are grateful to Representatives Evans, Creagan, Lowen, Nakashima, Tsuji, and San Buenaventura for their sponsorship of the bill.

We anticipate that the Department of Education (DOE) may have some practical concerns with implementing the bill, and we hope that solutions can be found for any such concerns. We encourage the Committee to consider this proposal as recognizing another of the problems associated with the continued lack of state assistance for charter facilities needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2016

Testimony for EDN on Feb 8, 2016 14:00PM in Conference Room 309

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steve Hirakami	HAASPCS	Support	No

Comments: I support this measure to allow charter schools access to DOE athletic facilities. I have to say that in our complex this is already a reality and adds so much value to the extra curricular activities of our students. The Principal, Darlene Bee, at Pahoa High and Intermediate School, and her staff have accommodated our Volleyball girls team at their beautiful new gym. It really helped to raise the level of competition and on behalf of the coaches and staff at HAAS, I thank them and hope every charter school in the State has the opportunity to compete in quality sports venues.

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KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS®

House Committee on Education

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Date: February 8, 2016

Where: State Capitol Room 309

TESTIMONY

By Ka'ano'i Walk
Kamehameha Schools

To: Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ohno and Members of the Committee

RE: **HB 1744 Relating to Public School Facilities**

E ka Luna Ho'omalua Takumi, ka Hope Luna Ho'omalua Ohno a me nā Lālā o ke Kōmike Ho'ona'auao o ka Hale o nā Lunamaka'āinana, aloha! My name is Ka'ano'i Walk and I serve as the Senior Policy Analyst of the Kūamahi Community Education Group of Kamehameha Schools. House Bill 1744 relating to public school facilities provides public charter schools with the right of first refusal for the use of DOE athletic fields within the school complex area and on available dates, and requires DOE school principals to provide charter schools with schedules of available dates for the use of athletic fields.

As part of the second goal of Kamehameha Schools' strategic plan, which guides us to contribute to the communities' collective efforts to improve Hawai'i's education systems for Native Hawaiian learners, Kamehameha Schools is committed to support Hawaiian-focused charter schools and therefore we stand in **support** of HB 1744.

Kamehameha Schools advocates for and supports the achievement of Hawai'i's Native Hawaiian public school students. As such, we have been a collaborator with the Hawai'i public charter schools for over a decade. Through our work with Hawaiian-focused public charter schools, we hope to significantly impact more children and their families through education. We believe that Hawaiian-focused charter schools provide quality educational choices for our families and ultimately enhance both academic achievement and engagement for students.

Founded in 1887, Kamehameha Schools is a statewide educational system supported by a trust endowed by Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop, whose mission is to improve the capability and well-being of Native Hawaiian learners. We believe that by continuing to engage in dialog around these charter school policies and proposals, we can contribute in a positive and meaningful way.

‘A‘ohe hana nui ke alu ‘ia. No task is too large when we all work together! We commend the legislature for working hard to increase the effectiveness of our public education system. Mahalo nui.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kenneth R. Conklin, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Athletic facilities are expensive. Charter schools are public schools, so it would be helpful and reasonable to allow charter schools to use the athletic facilities of nearby public schools through cooperative scheduling. I would also like to support a right for homeschool parents to enlist their children in sports teams at nearby public or charter schools, and to use the facilities for exercise.

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Tiffany Edwards Hunt	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Tiffany Edwards Hunt P.O. Box 557 Kurtistown, HI 96760 (808)938-8592 newswoman@mac.com Feb. 3, 2016 Re: HB1744 Our esteemed legislators: My name is Tiffany Edwards Hunt and I'm writing to you as a parent of a charter school student. I'm 100 percent supportive of Rep. Cindy Evans et al working to level the playing field for charter schools in our island communities. Charter schools are not allocated facilities funds, as you know. These schools we are choosing for our children do not have the ability to build their own gyms, because of the lack of facilities funding. A point to consider is that the state agreed to charter schools, with the passage of the Charter School Law. It's really a head-scratcher that there aren't any facilities funding to accompany these schools. Knowing how sports address the whole child and also considering the lack of opportunity that exists in my particular community, I see such a value in promoting recreation in education and in general. If we're really concerned about our youth, the answer should be "YES," and "how can we can make this work?", rather than "NO" and "that won't work," or, "oh, but you're a charter school." Aren't we serving our youth? Isn't that the bottom line? Guaranteed, if you're a parent, the answer is YES. To me, allowing these charter school students to get some gym time, so they can play volleyball, or shoot some hoops, is the least we can do to serve our children. When I offer this gym example, I'm thinking of the Pahoia gym specifically. I remember when that \$8 million gym was built and when we had our dedication ceremony with its namesake, Helene Hale, present. The gym was an offering to the community, not the school alone. Yes, the gym is housed on DOE property. But so is the public library, and we don't discriminate against those who enter the library, do we? Let's be sure to do everything we can to show our children that we are inclusive and supportive of all of them, whether or not they are choosing the traditional DOE path or forging their own with the charter school option. As you deliberate over this bill (HB1744), think long and hard about what you're doing to support the whole child and every community in this island chain. With our limited resources, we need to come together and not create separation. We actually need to teach our children to share, and what a great example of this, the traditional DOE school sharing athletic facilities with the neighboring charter school. It's a win-win, folks. I'm so excited for our future, seeing bills like this on their way to approval. YES! Thank you for thinking about our children's best interest. Sincerely, and respectfully submitted, Tiffany Edwards Hunt

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Nancy Levenson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Samuel Kaauwai	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susie Osborne	Kua o ka La Charter School	Support	No

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Dylan Armstrong	Individual	Support	No

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Ka'iulani Pahi'o	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nadia Ranne	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill to expand opportunities for more youth to access appropriate facilities for athletics. One huge inequality for students in DOE schools and students in Charter Schools is that Charter Schools do not receive funding for facilities. Passing this bill is the least you can do in an effort to close this gap. Mahalo in advance from a parent of charter school students!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William J Hancock	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/7/2016

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Taffi Wise	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for supporting HB1744 - it will strengthen the relationships between Charter's and DOE for the betterment of the public school students and their families.

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February 8, 2016

To: Honorable Roy Takumi, Chair
Honorable Takashi Ohno, Vice Chair
House Committee on Education

From: Jeannine Souki, Executive Director
Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network

Re: **HB 1744 – RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES – SUPPORT**
Conference Room 309 – Hawaii State Capitol – Feb. 8, 2016, 2 P.M.

On behalf of the Hawaii Public Charter School Network (HPCSN), we are submitting testimony in support of HB1744, Relating to Public School Facilities, which would provide charter schools with the right of refusal for the use of DOE athletic facilities within school complex area and on available dates.

This legislation would authorize a process by which school principals may work with interested charter school leaders to coordinate the use of DOE athletic facilities within the complex area, by prioritizing usage for charter schools for unutilized dates available.

HPCSN works to support public charter schools in Hawaii and to be a voice for children and families that seek choice in an independent public school setting.

Thank you for consideration of our support. We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of HPCSN.

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Submitted on: 2/8/2016

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Don Aweau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In full support of legislation and urge the Committee for passage of this bill. Oftentimes, public charter schools students are unable to utilize DOE facilities for their activities. Hampering their growth as well as creation of appropriate curriculum activities for them by public charter schools administration. This will give more opportunities and flexibility for scheduling and planning. Mahalo.

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