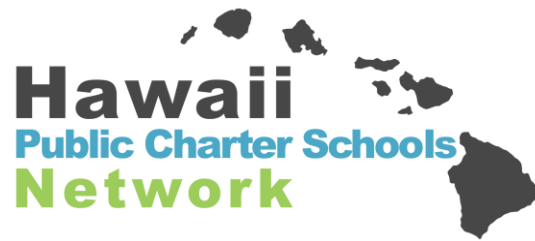


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Hawaii State Senate
Committee on Education
Committee on Judiciary and Labor

DATE: Friday, February 13, 2015
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 229, Hawaii State Capitol

Chairs Kidani and Keith-Agaran, Vice Chairs Harimoto and Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committees;

Re: SB 1346 RELATING TO EDUCATION

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on SB 1346, a bill that applies the same probationary period requirements of department of education teachers to public charter school teachers, who have not earned tenure within the department of education, upon entry or reentry to the department of education.

HPCSN supports an amendment that parallels the intentions of this bill, but for DOE tenured teachers entering a charter school.

(3) Tenured department licensed teachers, as determined by the department, who transfer to charter schools shall be subject to the appropriate collective bargaining agreement. ~~not be required to serve a probationary period.~~"

Charter schools currently have the ability to negotiate a supplemental agreement that meets the needs of the individual charter schools and their teachers. This change would ensure that the negotiated supplemental collective bargaining agreements are respected.

Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network (HPCSN) represents 30 of 34 public charter schools in Hawaii and is committed to quality education for all public school students through our support of, and work with, charter schools. Thank you for your attention to and consideration of this very important matter to charter schools. Your support of Hawaii's public students is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn Finnegan".

Lynn Finnegan
Executive Director