

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3115

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2508
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 2508, 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 infrastructure costs, rental or lease assistance, and the repair and maintenance of network infrastructure for charter schools.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Public Charter School Commission, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hawaii State Teachers Association, IMUAlliance, Hawaii Children's Action Network, HawaiiKidsCAN, Charter School Facilities Initiative, Friends of Kona Pacific Public Charter School, Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network, and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that public charter schools receive inadequate funding to support student learning. Public charter schools that lack adequate building facilities are sometimes forced to hold classes outdoors, on covered lanais, or in unstable temporary structures. While the State Public Charter School Commission may request facilities funding in addition to its annual budget request, the amounts received in recent fiscal years



have not kept pace with the cost of providing and maintaining high-quality facilities. This measure provides assistance for facilities funding, which has been a long-standing issue for charter schools.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language that authorizes the Legislature to make appropriations and bond authorizations to the State Public Charter School Commission each fiscal year for rental or lease of facilities for charter schools; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 2508, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2508, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, 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-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
<i>HB 2508, HD1</i>	<i>EDU, WAM</i>	<i>3/19/2018</i>		
<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
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	<i>/</i>			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (VC)	<i>/</i>			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	<i>/</i>			
ESPERO, Will				<i>/</i>
KIM, Donna Mercado				<i>/</i>
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<i>[Signature]</i>				
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