
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 302D-35, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "~~{}~~§302D-35~~{}~~ Use of vacant department facilities. (a)

4 When any department considers whether to close any particular
5 facility, it shall give reasonable consideration to making all
6 or portions of the facility available to public charter schools
7 and early learning programs that are affiliated with a public
8 charter school.

9 (b) Each department shall provide notice to the
10 superintendent and state public charter school commission
11 identifying suitable unused facilities that may be appropriate
12 for:

13 (1) Public charter schools; and

14 (2) Early learning programs, including the pre-plus
15 program, that are affiliated with a public charter
16 school.



1 The department of accounting and general services shall
2 inventory the suitable facilities, and, in determining
3 suitability for educational reuse, priority shall be given to
4 facilities on sites with sufficient space for three or more
5 classrooms.

6 (c) The department of accounting and general services
7 shall conduct biennial surveys of all departments concerning any
8 unused facilities, or in the case of the department of education
9 any under utilized department schools, that meet the conditions
10 under subsection (b) and maintain an inventory of all such
11 unused or under utilized facilities. The department of
12 accounting and general services shall provide biennial reports
13 on the inventory maintained under this subsection to the state
14 public charter school commission.

15 ~~[(e)]~~ (d) The department of accounting and general
16 services shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 necessary to
17 carry out the purposes of this section.

18 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) For purposes of this section, "department" means
19 all of the departments listed in section 26-4.

20 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) Upon receipt of a notice pursuant to subsection
21 (b), the state public charter school commission shall:



- 1 (1) Solicit applications from public charter schools or
2 early learning programs that are affiliated with a
3 public charter school, respectively, that are
4 interested in using and occupying all or portions of
5 the facilities; and
- 6 (2) Submit a prioritized list of public charter schools or
7 early learning programs that are affiliated with a
8 public charter school, respectively, to the department
9 of accounting and general services for final
10 determination of which public charter schools or early
11 learning programs that are affiliated with a public
12 charter school, if any, shall be authorized to use and
13 occupy the facilities."

14 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Department of Accounting and General Services; Vacant Department Facilities; Surveys and Reports; State Public Charter School Commission

Description:

Requires the Department of Accounting and General Services to conduct biennial surveys of all departments concerning any unused facilities that may be used by public charter schools and maintain an inventory of all such unused facilities. Requires the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide biennial reports on the inventory of unused department facilities to the state public charter school commission. (SD1)

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FOR: SB 2382 SD1 Relating to Public Charter Schools
DATE: March 14, 2018
TIME: 2:00 P.M.
COMMITTEE: House Committee on Education
ROOM: Conference Room 309
FROM: Sione Thompson, Executive Director
State Public Charter School Commission

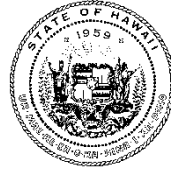
Chair Woodson, Vice-chair Kong, and members of the Committee:

The State Public Charter School Commission (“Commission”) appreciates the opportunity to submit this testimony in **SUPPORT of SB 2382 SD1**, which provides biennial surveys of unused state facilities and under-utilized schools of the Department of Education and an inventory of these unused and under-utilized facilities from the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

The Commission appreciates the Legislature’s support and efforts of DAGS in addressing the ongoing charter school facilities issue. The Commission looks forward to collaborating with these committees, DAGS, and public charter schools in moving this legislation forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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TESTIMONY OF
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ON
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018
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S.B. 2382, S.D. 1

RELATING TO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.

Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Kong, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on S.B. 2382, S.D.1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports the intent of the measure to amend Section 302D-35, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and we appreciate the adjustment to allow for DAGS to conduct mail-out surveys and reporting on a biennial basis in lieu of having to conduct semi-annual inspections.

We believe this is a reasonable and feasible approach to support efforts to identify potential vacant facilities for Public Charter Schools without creating and undue labor burden on our already limited staff to inspect all facilities, to validate the inspections through follow-up coordination with each department, and to compile all information into a database.

Last year's proactive outreach efforts by the State Public Charter School Commission confirmed that very few (actually none) suitable vacant properties for consideration are available, and since whole facility availability generally does not change very often, the effectiveness of increasing the frequency of any surveys or outreach may not necessarily yield increased reporting of suitable properties.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.



SB2382 SD1
RELATING TO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS
House Committee on Education

March 14, 2018

2:00 p.m.

Room 309

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** SB2382 SD1, which would require the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) to conduct biennial surveys of all state departments, to identify unused facilities that may be used by public charter schools, and to maintain an inventory of all such unused facilities. This measure would also require DAGS to provide biennial reports of this inventory to the State Public Charter School Commission (Commission). **This measure would help to alleviate the unique burdens faced by our public charter schools, including Hawaiian language immersion and Hawaiian-focused charter schools, in meeting their basic facilities needs.**

Addressing public charter schools' facilities needs has been a critical and longstanding issue in the charter school community. Currently, start-up charter schools must pay for substantial facilities costs using already-stretched operational funds. This is a cost that is not borne by conversion charter schools, or schools under the Hawai'i Department of Education (DOE).

OHA notes that Act 234 (Session Laws Hawai'i 2015), now codified in HRS §302D-35, requires state departments to notify the Commission and the DOE Superintendent of unused suitable facilities that may be appropriate for public charter schools and early learning programs affiliated with public charter schools. Act 234 also requires DAGS to inventory such suitable facilities. It is OHA's understanding that an inventory of suitable facilities has not been completed. Accordingly, OHA respectfully submits that SB2382 SD1 will help clarify DAGS's responsibilities in the furtherance of Act 234, and will better facilitate the use of vacant state buildings by public charter schools.

Therefore, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** SB2382 SD1. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS®

House Committee on Education

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Date: March 14, 2018

Where: State Capitol Room 309

TESTIMONY

By Ka'ano'i Walk

Kamehameha Schools

RE: SB 2382, SD1, Relating to Public Charter Schools

E ka Luna Ho'omalu Woodson, ka Hope Luna Ho'omalu Kong, 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 Division of Kamehameha Schools.

We are writing to **support** SB 2382, SD1, relating to public charter schools, which requires the Department of Accounting and General Services to conduct biennial surveys of all departments concerning any unused facilities that may be used by public charter schools and maintain an inventory of all such unused facilities. This measure also requires the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide biennial reports on the inventory of unused department facilities to the state public charter school commission. This measure is an important step toward alleviating ongoing facilities challenges for many public charter schools and early learning programs that are affiliated with public charter schools.

Kamehameha Schools advocates for and supports the achievement of Hawai'i's Native Hawaiian public school students. 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 all families and ultimately enhance both academic achievement and engagement for students.

Founded in 1887, Kamehameha Schools is an organization striving to advance a thriving Lāhui where all Native Hawaiians are successful, grounded in traditional values, and leading in the local and global communities. We believe that community success is individual success, Hawaiian culture-based education leads to academic success and local leadership drives global leadership.

‘A’ohe hana nui ke alu ‘ia. No task is too large when we all work together! Mahalo nui.