

SB2748

Measure Title: RELATING TO CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS.

Report Title: Charitable Organizations

Description:

Amends chapter 467B, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to substitute the term "total revenue" in place of "gross revenue", clarify when professional solicitors must file financial reports, clarify when commercial co-venturers must provide a charitable organization with an accounting and the benefit, eliminate the requirement for certain charitable organizations to submit an audit report, and make other housekeeping amendments.

Companion: [HB2321](#)

Package: Governor

Current Referral: CPH, WAM

Introducer(s): KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)



TO: The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair
The Honorable Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

FROM: Philip J. Bossert, Executive Director
Hawaii Association of Independent Schools

RE: SB 2748 - RELATING TO CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS
In Support with amendments

DATE: Friday, February 2, 2018
9:00 am, Conference Room 229

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tokuda, and Members of the Committee:

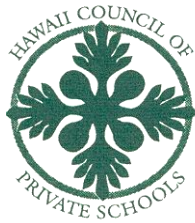
The Hawaii Association of Independent Schools (HAIS) is a membership organization that currently represents 93 of Hawaii's private and independent schools; and, in collaboration with the Western Association of Schools & Colleges (WASC) accredits 51 of those 93 institutions. The other 43 institutions are either licensed by HAIS's subsidiary organization, the Hawaii Council of Private Schools (HCPS) but choose not to be accredited by HAIS/WASC, or they are accredited by some other educational accrediting body, such as those representing Catholic schools, Adventist schools, Christina schools, etc.

In 1995, Act 188 deregulated Hawaii Dept. of Education's (HDOE) licensing of Hawaii private schools. The legislature requested that HAIS form a new subsidiary organization to take over the responsibility from HDOE for licensing of private schools in Hawaii. In a 1998 memorandum of agreement between HDOE and HAIS, HCPS was formed by HAIS to license Hawaii private schools and to ensure that transcripts and credits earned at HCPS-licensed schools would continue to be recognized and accepted as valid for transfer to other educational institutions.

HCPS has performed this licensing function since 1998 and has been included in the Hawaii Office of the Attorney General's list of authorized accrediting and licensing organizations. However, HCPS was inadvertently removed from this list of acknowledged licensing and accrediting agencies, due to the dissolution of HCPS as a not-for-profit corporation and its restructuring as a Limited Liability Corporation.

Thus, HAIS supports SB 2748 but requests that it be amended to include HCPS once again as a recognized licensing agency for all private schools in the State of Hawaii.

Thank you.



TO: The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair
The Honorable Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

FROM: Edna L. Hussey, Chair
Hawaii Council of Private Schools

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Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tokuda, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Council of Private Schools, LLC, is a subsidiary of the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools. In 1995, Act 188 deregulated HDOE's licensing of Hawaii private schools. In a 1998 memorandum of agreement between HDOE and HAIS, HCPS was formed by HAIS to license Hawaii private schools and to ensure that transcripts and credits earned at HCPS-licensed schools would continue to be recognized and accepted as valid.

The Hawaii Council of Private Schools (HCPS, LLC) supports SB 2748 with amendments. There are approximately 80 licensed private schools among nearly 150 schools in Hawaii operating as educational - programs. An HCPS-licensed school must meet established licensing criteria, which address safety and health, a viable educational program, facilities, governance, administration, faculty/staff, admissions, and finances. A school must be re-licensed upon the expiration of term of license.

HCPS supports SB 2748 but respectfully requests that it be amended to include HCPS once again as one of the charitable organizations recognized in section 467B-11.5 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes. Unfortunately, we were inadvertently deleted through Act 86 in last year's 2017 Legislative Session.

Thus, the Hawaii Council of Private Schools, in conjunction with the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools, asks the committee to amend the measure. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



Testimony to the Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health Committee

**Senator Roslyn Baker, Chair
Senator Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair
Friday, February 2, 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 229**

SB 2748 - Relating to Charitable Organizations

Dear Chair Baker and Vice Chair Tokuda, and members of the CPH Committee:

On behalf of the Hawai`i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations, I would like express **support of SB 2748**, relating to charitable organizations.

Hawai`i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations (HANO) is a statewide, sector-wide professional association of nonprofits. Our mission is to unite and strengthen the nonprofit sector as a collective force to improve the quality of life in Hawai`i. Our member organizations provide essential services to every community in the state.

HANO supports all changes being made in this bill including changing “gross revenue” to “total revenue,” clarifying when professional solicitors must file financial reports, clarifying when commercial co-venturers must provide the charitable organization with an accounting and the benefit, and eliminating the need for charitable organizations to provide an audit report.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of these changes.

Mahalo,
Lisa Maruyama
President & CEO