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FOR: SB 1447 RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS
DATE: February 6, 2019
TIME: 2:55 P.M.
COMMITTEE: Committee on Education
ROOM: Conference Room 229
FROM: Sione Thompson, Executive Director
State Public Charter School Commission

Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kim, and members of the Committee:

The State Public Charter School Commission (“Commission”) appreciates the opportunity to submit this testimony in **SUPPORT of SB1447 and the proposed Senate draft**. The Commission is grateful for the continued support of this committee and the Legislature for the public charter school movement.

The Commission appreciates the committee’s efforts in securing an adequate budget for both charter schools and the Commission itself through the inclusion of the budget items proposed in the Commission’s executive budget requests.

At this time, the Commission is in the process of implementing its strategic plan by creating the action plans needed to meet identified goals and objectives. In future legislative sessions, the Commission plans to provide this committee and the Legislature the results of this strategic planning process which will guide the Commission’s efforts in creating a more robust and thriving public charter school system which meets the needs of public charter school students and their families.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



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KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS®

Committee: Senate Education

Date: Wednesday February 6, 2019

Time: 2:55 pm

Place: Conference Room 229

Testimony by: Dr. Wai‘ale‘ale Sarsona, Managing Director of Kūamahi Community Education

RE: SB 1447 Relating to Charter Schools; Appropriates funding for operating expenses of charter schools and the state public charter school commission.

E ka Luna Ho‘omalua Kidani, ka Hope Luna Ho‘omalua Kim, a me nā Lālā o ke Kōmike Ho‘ona‘auao o ka ‘Aha Kenekoa, aloha kākou!

Kamehameha Schools is in support of SB 1447 Relating to Charter Schools; Appropriates funding for operating expenses of charter schools and the state public charter school commission. Specifically we are in support of EDN 600 Line 2 Teacher Incentives (Hard to Staff/National Board Certification).

High quality teachers, such as those that achieve National Board Certification have a positive impact for minority and low-income students. This bill provides the needed funding to support those teachers who choose a career in our public charter schools who strive to sharpen their practice for our keiki. It also supports those teachers that are able to serve in hard to fill positions. ‘A‘ohe hana nui ke alu ‘ia. No task is too large when we all work together! **Please advance this measure.**

Founded in 1887, Kamehameha Schools is an educational organization striving to restore our people through education and 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.