

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1748

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 , 2021

RE: S.B. No. 814
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 814, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify the process for applicants to apply to open and operate a charter school; and
- (2) Provide for penalties for authorizers who fail to timely comply with the Board of Education's decisions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Kulia Academy and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Education and State Public Charter School Commission.

Your Committee finds that H.B. No. 1220, H.D. 2 (Regular Session of 2021), a substantially similar measure, was previously passed by the House. Your Committee further finds that H.B. No. 1220, H.D. 2 does not contain a provision regarding penalties for authorizers who fail to timely comply with the Board of

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Education's decisions, which will assuage concerns related to such penalties.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting its contents and inserting the contents of H.B. No. 1220, H.D. 2, a measure that:
 - (A) Requires members of the Charter School Commission to collectively possess strong experience and expertise in various fields;
 - (B) Allows a charter school authorizer's staff to provide technical support up until the completed charter application is submitted;
 - (C) Clarifies charter application notice requirements;
 - (D) Clarifies authorizer compliance requirements in cases of an appeal; and
 - (E) Contains an effective date of July 1, 2050; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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 S.B. No. 814, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 814, S.D.1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Education,


JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>SB 814, SDI</i>	Committee Referral: <i>EDN, FIN</i>	Date: <i>3/10/2021</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EDN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	✓			
2. KAPELA, Jeanne (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. DeCOITE, Lynn	✓			
5. GANADEN, Sonny	✓			
6. GATES, Cedric Asuega	✓			
7. HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓			
8. OHNO, Takashi				✓
9. QUINLAN, Sean	✓			
10. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
11. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
12. OKIMOTO, Val	✓			
TOTAL (12)	<i>12</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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