

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1315

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 2021

RE: S.C.R. No. 153  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 153 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS THE ROLE OF THE AUTHORIZER, ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH CHARTER SCHOOLS, THE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS, AND WHETHER OR NOT LEGISLATION IS REQUIRED TO EFFECTUATE ANY DESIRED CHANGES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the convening of a working group to discuss the role of the Hawaii public charter school authorizer, its relationship with charter schools, the accountability for the use of public funds, and whether or not legislation is required to effectuate any desired changes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Public Charter School Commission and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii State Public Charter School Commission has faced questions on the role of the authorizer and its relationship with charter schools. There is a need to clarify the purpose and intent of charter school



authorizers. Your Committee also notes that the need for transparency and accountability for the use of public funds must be balanced with the authority for the charter school to educate our keiki. This measure will convene a Charter School Authorizers Working Group to address these problems.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that a representative of a conversion and Hawaiian immersion school be included in the working group; and
- (2) Clarifying that any legislative recommendations should include national best practices as applicable to Hawaii's public charter school system and focus on positive student outcomes in public education.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 153, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 153, S.D. 1.

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

  
MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-First Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:  
 Pass, unamended 2312    
 Pass, with amendments 2311    
 Hold 2310    
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	/			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			

Recommendation:    
 Adopted    
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  


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