

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 122

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 10 2021

RE: S.B. No. 864

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.B. No. 864 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require that a minimum of two of the three auditors selected by the authorizer for the State's public charter schools have offices on the neighbor islands.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Public Charter School Network, Hawaii Academy of Arts and Science Public Charter School, Kanu o ka 'Āina New Century Public Charter School, Kapolei Charter School, and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the State Public Charter School Commission and Alaka'i O Kaua'i Charter School.

Your Committee finds that in 2019, the Hawaii State Public Charter School Commission requested control of the selection of auditors for public charter schools and requested that the number of auditors be limited to a choice of three. Since passage, the State Public Charter School Commission has only recommended a list of auditors all of whom were located on the island of Oahu. Your Committee further finds that having three auditors on the island of Oahu will cause undue burden and expense to neighbor island public charter schools and will likely hinder the completion of an



audit of all thirty-seven public charter schools in the State within the timeframe required for the consolidated annual audit report. This measure will require that two auditor have offices on a neighbor island, which will allow charter schools on islands other than Oahu to be less burdened by the audits and be provided with an auditor located more conveniently to meet their needs.

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. 864 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 864	Committee Referral: EDU, WAM	Date: 02/08/2021		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> 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	/			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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