

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 15, 2024

RE: S.B. No. 3092
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 3092, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make an emergency appropriation to the Department of Education to provide funding for charter schools.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education and Hawai'i State Teachers Association.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Education is required pursuant to Chapter 302D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to provide proportional funding to charter schools based on their student enrollment. Your Committee notes that, although the overall enrollment for the Department of Education has gone up from the 2023 to 2024 school year, the growth rate for public charter schools has increased even faster, growing at four percent higher than projected. Your Committee notes that one factor to explain the sudden increase in public charter school enrollment is the need for temporary school options in Lahaina because of the




destruction incurred by the devastating wildfires. Although charter school enrollment has increased, the amount of funding for charter schools is less than what is required. Your Committee believes that making an emergency appropriation to provide funds to the Department of Education is necessary to cover the Department's funding requirements for charter schools.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; 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. 3092, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3092, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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


JUSTIN W. WOODSON, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

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| Bill/Resolution No.: SB 3092, SD2 | Committee Referral: EDN, FIN | Date: 3/12/24 |
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold
 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. LA CHICA, Trish (VC) | / | | | |
| 3. KAPELA, Jeanne | / | | | |
| 4. MARTEN, Lisa | / | | | |
| 5. MARTINEZ, Rose | / | | | |
| 6. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. | / | | | |
| 7. MIZUNO, May Besario | / | | | |
| 8. PERRUSO, Amy A. | / | | | |
| 9. QUINLAN, Sean | / | | | |
| 10. TODD, Chris | / | | | |
| 11. GARCIA, Diamond | | | | X |
| TOTAL (11) | 10 | | | 1 |

The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted
 If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
 committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: *Trish La Chica*

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