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Government Operations

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 1251, HD1 RELATING TO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.

Purpose of Bill: Requires state departments, upon the closure of facilities, to consider the facility's suitability for use by public charter schools or early learning pre-plus programs, and to notify the State Public Charter School Commission or Executive Office on Early Learning of the availability and suitability of the facility. Requires more detailed annual reporting by the State Public Charter School Commission. Establishes a Charter School Facilities Funding Working Group. Appropriates funds for public charter schools. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for public charter school facilities' design, planning, construction, repair, and maintenance. (HB1251 HD1)

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (DOE) would like to provide comments of concern related to HD1251 HD1. The intent of the measure is to provide a process to more readily identify needed facility space for charter and preschools. However, we are concerned that the process places DOE in a role of managing facilities that are not under its control or management. The measure appears to propose to bypass the oversight and management of state buildings that are more appropriately overseen by the Department of Accounting and General Services.

As such, the Department of Education cannot support this measure.



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TO: Honorable Michelle Kidani, Chair
Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Members of the Committees on Education and Government Operations

DATE: March 20, 2015
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PLACE: Conference Room 229
Hawai'i State Capitol

FROM: Kamehameha Schools

RE: HOUSE BILL 1251, HD1, RELATING TO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 1251, HD1, relating to facilities funding for charter schools.

Among other provisions, this bill would appropriate funds for public charter schools and authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds for public charter school facilities' design, planning, construction, repair, and maintenance.

Kamehameha Schools supports promoting the achievement and success of Hawai'i's public school students and, as such, has been a collaborator with the Hawai'i public charter schools for over a decade. Through our work with public charter schools, we hope to significantly impact more children and their families through education. We believe charter schools provide positive choices for education and ultimately enhance both achievement and engagement for students across Hawai'i.

The establishment and incorporation of a charter school facilities funding working group coupled with appropriated funds for public charter schools would provide much needed financial support for the charter school system. We ask that you help to provide our state's most innovative educators with the strong support and stable foundation that they need continue their positive growth. We believe efforts to improve the public charter school system improve access to education and, ultimately, enhance education for all of Hawai'i's children.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Am Snell	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am so thankful that my daughter is attending Hawaii Technology Academy. This blended learning has helped her in so many ways. I don't know what we would do without HTA.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andi Pawasarat-Losalio	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Absolutely I hope for you all to support HB1251 regarding facilities funding for charter schools. It should not matter if a school is a regular doe school or a charter school, they both support the education of our keiki and should equally receive facility funding. Please support this bill. Mahalo

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antoinette zamora	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I have two sons that attended whea i feel that WHEA has been a blessing to their education and without out it they would most would have missed out on so many educational experiences. However without additional funding the school can't provide much resources. If a school like this was available to me when I was a teen I definitely would have attended. The children of WHEA are blessed.

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Christopher Chock	Individual	Support	No

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Dennis Imoto	Hawaii Technology Academy	Support	No

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Dorothy Afuvai	Hawaii Technology Academy	Support	No

Comments: My grandsons love this school. My grandsons deserve facilities support.

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Gayle Bovee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My child deserves facilities support. My taxes should support my child's school facilities. My child loves this school. I wish they had schools like this when I was a kid. This is a great alternative which allows the student and family to learn and grow together.

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Gwen Heliker	Individual	Support	No

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Hal Mattes	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: My son has benefited and loves HTA. HTA's learning method and environment will help him with higher education. My taxes should support my son's school infrastructure and deserves facilities support. HTA's teachers and administration are dedicated to providing my son an excellent education.

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jay carroll	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: The programs and the school that my daughter goes to is amazing but it could be Even better with more support. I wish I had a school Like this when I grew up.

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Jenna Criswell	Individual	Support	No

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JM Johnston	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is a great concept that deserves higher recognition throughout the USA, not only do the children receive the interaction with other students and classmates that is necessary to develop the people skills needed for todays society, the parents also play an integral role in their children's education (the lack of which is something that I believe has greatly affected society in a bad way). I would have loved to have gone to a school like this when I was growing up, it is truly the best of both worlds. Please provide as much support as possible to ensure this type of education continues to be available to parents who wish to have a greater role in their children's upbringing.

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Joel Gionson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: All schools should have facilities support. My child loves this school. I wish there were schools like this when I was attending school. My child deserves to have facilities support and my taxes should support my child's school facilities

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Kai Nani Kraut	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The way our children learn and the seeming prevalence of conditions like ADD and other allgeriges make charter schools, in particular, blended schools vital to educating and developing chidren into productive and confident adults. My daughter has had diabetes since the age of 3. She was also recently diagnosed with ADD, traditionally associated with Type 1 diabetes. The traditional school environment has not been a place where she would grow and feel confident. I know DOE does the best it can with the resources it has, but charter schools think outside the box. For Malia, my daughter, we have been able to spend more time on subjects she needs and have been able to check her blood sugars whenever needed. I feel she is in a safer environment. She is 1000% happier than she was a year ago. Last year, she was running away and thinking of death (at the age of 10) because she just felt school was too hard. She felt different because of her diabetes. This year, she is happy. She learns at her own pace and she is a little girl that dreams of doing great things instead of ending her life. It is trememdous how the change in her school environment has changed her life. Charter schools offer that alternative learning environment. I am proud to support initiatives that assist with funding to further the alternative styles that charter schools promote. I beg you, on behalf of special cases, like my daughter, give our children a future and give us as parents appropriately funded education resources. I want my tax dollars to go to my daughter's edcuation and charter schools desire to have a part of those tax dollars. Mahalo for your consideration and the opportunity to share our story.

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Kaleo Schneider	Individual	Support	No

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Kama Hopkins	Individual	Support	No

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Kelley Martin	Individual	Support	No

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Laura Mae	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: My son has been in two different Charter schools in Hawaii. Currently SEEQS. but they desperately need help to grow. If they don't get help they will out grow their current location by next year. Please help with funding for this amazing school and other charter schools in Hawaii . Sincerely Laura Blumenshein

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
laurel king	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill to allow charter schools that are not attached to a church or large organization survive in Hawaii. It is not fair that children receiving public education at charter schools to not receive the same per pupil funding as those in regular public schools. Charter schools without outside funding cannot afford to pay rent or purchase facilities in Hawaii without help. Without facilities support innovation in public schools that can be developed in charter schools is greatly hindered if not impossible.

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Laurie yoshihata	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Kona pacific public charter school is a wonderfully unique school that my child loves attending. Every child deserves facilities support.

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LEIGH FITZGERALD	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Testimony in support of HB 1251 As Executive Director of Hawaii Technology Academy, I support Facilities Funding (HB1251) for all Hawaii Charter Schools. Students attending Hawaii's charter schools deserve the same access to classrooms, teachers, academic resources, technology and outdoor space/experiences as those students attending their home geographic schools. Unfortunately, the continued lack of facilities funding results in Charter's having to cut back in some areas of their academic programs, human resources or facilities in order to provide even the most basic of educational opportunities to their students. It is imperative that facilities funding be granted equitably to all schools, as each charter is intended to be unique and to serve as a research laboratory for innovative educational practices that can modeled for all schools throughout the state. Academic gains and innovation can only occur if and when all of Hawaii's charter school students are provided with the same funding as their home geographic school counterparts. Thank you, Leigh Fitzgerald

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Leslie Conyers III	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Jalia's school, Hawaii Technology Academy, deserves facilities support. My taxes should support Jalia's school facilities. Jalia loves her school. I wish they had schools like this when I was a kid.

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Leslie Conyers III	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Emonee's school, Hawaii Technology Academy, deserves facilities support. My taxes should support Emonee's school facilities. Emonee loves her school. I wish they had schools like this when I was a kid.

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lindsay bliss	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My taxes should support my child's school. My student deserves the same funding as any other student in any other school.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
LorMona Meredith	Public Administration Program - UH Manoa	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill!! As a parent and advocate for families everywhere, I am concerned about the future impact of what this bill will do to our children. It is poorly written out with little evidence / research to it's supposedly potential positive influences on our children and youth. The Hawai'i DOE does not support this bill and you should not either. Sexual education is a topic that is based on values affiliated with personal choice, religion and family. It is not a topic that should be enforced upon young children or taught in public schools according the 'age appropriate' factors deemed by someone other than the parents of those children. It is wrong and harmful!

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Mariah Mann	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Financial support for Hawai'i charter school facilities is the missing piece in terms of supporting charter school success. There is significant research showing that adequate educational facilities contributes to student success. Without facilities funding support, charter schools are required to dedicate funds to facilities, which funds would otherwise be allocated to supporting the schools' educational programs. In addition, lack of facility funding for charters presents an equity issue for charter school teachers, who are held to the same standards in terms of their students' performance, but who have significantly less resources with which to work. This legislation is a great step toward solving the puzzle of how to adequately support public education in charter schools. Please help us!

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Matthew Grant Zitello	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Charter schools are an essential part of the State's educational system, and therefore NEED financial support! Thank You

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Umipeg	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My son and I love this school. He is currently in 7th grade and we are hoping he will be able to go to SEEQS for 9th grade. The current 8th graders will not be able to go to SEEQS for 9th grade because the school is unable to expand their facility for them. SEEQS is unique and aligns with our values in education. The staff is dedicated to working with the students and families to making learning an enjoyable and challenging process.

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Patricia	Individual	Support	No

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phil fisher	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rosanna Waller	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, My child thrives thanks to blended learning schools. He is currently enrolled in HTA and we couldn't be happier that this is an option. I would love to see my tax dollars go towards support of this style of education. I wish they had had schools like this when I was a child. I feel that I would have developed a much bigger appetite for education.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shawna Gordon	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Our children are our future. I am so grateful to have Kona Pacific Public Charter School in our community. This school has given my son the education and positive environment he needs to succeed.

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Stephanie Morem	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Terri Yoshinaga	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Positive- Purpose would be to specify additional elements in Hawaii's sexuality health education law, including criteria and require DOE to provide information on curricula to the public, emphasis is placed on medical accuracy, encourages parent/ guardian communication Negative- the definition of "age appropriate" is undetermined, because subsection (c) allows the DOE can modify or eliminate for reasons of age appropriateness, uses the term "sexuality health education" means any medium (print, role playing, video, discussion, etc.) regarding human development and sexuality, including education on pregnancy, family planning (abortion, birth control), and STDs. Though stated the DOE would provide information on the curricula to the public, it does not say all "mediums" within the curricula will be made available to the public. Parents should prepare statements to how they want to be informed regarding sex education, and what concerns they have about how students are treated if they are not a part of the program, insuring their grades/scores will not be affected nor will the student feel shamed or embarrassed for not participating in the sex-ed curriculum. Emphasis should still be placed on all sex-ed programs to be on a opt-in only basis with parent notification early on in the school year.

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thad coffin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Yes please! Give the charter schools a chance.

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W	Individual	Support	No

Comments: HTA and other charter schools deserve more support. HTA offers a great alternative for my son who suffered bullying at his former public middle school. School too big and students are just a number.

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zea levine	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support for charter schools increases the diversity and depth of educational choices for our keiki. Charter schools also build our communities in meaningful ways, often bringing a focus on fostering Hawaiian culture and language or local agriculture, aquaculture or marine science. We value the contribution of charter schools in our rural community. Extending support for early learning will also benefit our community tremendously.

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