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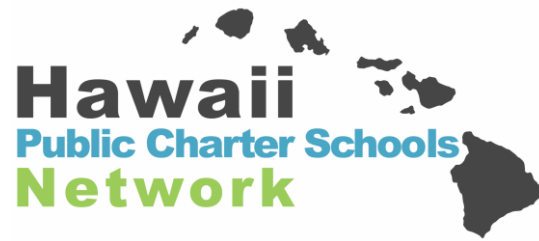
Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha and mahalo for this opportunity to OPPOSE 'Repealing the authorization for the formation of a conversion charter school by an existing Hawaiian language immersion program; " This provision needs to remain because oftentimes the HLIP suffers at the expense of the hosting school. The enrollment is much smaller but contributes to the Student Weighted Factor and other areas of school programming and funding. But, its resources are used for the benefit of all, opposed to that smaller community of students. The opportunity to CONVERT to a Public Charter School needs to remain because it allows for the smaller community of students, Hawaiian Language Immersion, to continue to co-exist; while giving them opportunity to operate independently of the larger program, Standard English Non-PCS. It affords the HLI the ability to convert without having to factor-in the costs of facilities; which we know consumes much of the per-student funding that PCS receives. Consequently, diverting funding to facilities and other operational costs that aren't considered in the PCS per-pupil funding. Thus, causing for a further disparity of equitable funding between the PCS and Non-PCS student. Recent Star-Advertiser articles have reported that the PCS student only receives approximately \$6,000 vs \$10,000 plus \$180 for the the Non-PCS (DOE) student. Again, I URGE YOU TO NOT REPEAL THE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FORMATION OF A CONVERSION CHARTER SCHOOL BY EXISTING HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM. PLEASE LEAVE THIS SECTION AS IT EXISTS TODAY! Humbly, Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai HLIP supporter and makua of 2 former HLIP students

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Hawaii State Senate
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Friday, March 28, 2014
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PLACE: Conference Room 211, Hawaii State Capitol

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee,

Re: HB1745 HD2 SD1 – Support

Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network (HPCSN) is committed to quality education for all public school students in Hawaii through our work with Hawaii's public charter schools. This bill proposes a variety of changes to 302D, the charter school statute.

HPCSN is in STRONG SUPPORT of Section 4, Subsection (j) - Funds the commission separate from, and in addition to, the charter school per pupil calculation. The legislature partnered with the charter school community to recodify the charter school law in 2012. The changes were focused on governance, authority and accountability. The charter school governance system is very different in that charter schools are accountable to their governing boards. The Governance, Accountability and Authority Legislative Task Force of 2011 anticipated additional costs that would be associated with their proposal for sweeping changes to the charter school law. The addition of this section will help to provide the needed funding to assist schools with the many added responsibilities and obligations charter schools are now subject to since the passing of Act 130 of 2012.

HPCSN is in STRONG SUPPORT of the amendment to give the Commission the discretion to allow for reviews in Section 22.

Charter schools cumulatively spend upwards of half a million dollars on annual financial independent audits. Approximately ninety percent of charter schools do not have material weaknesses in their audits and demonstrate financial capacity and soundness. There is potential to save money and time for

charter schools if the legislature allows the Commission the discretion to require reviews instead of audits.

Mahalo for your support of Hawaii's public students, their families and public charter schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn Finnegan", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Lynn Finnegan
Executive Director