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FOR: HB 2695 RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS  
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COMMITTEE: Committee on Lower & Higher Education  
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FROM: Sione Thompson, Executive Director  
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Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Hashem, Vice Chair Quinlan, and members of the Committee:

The State Public Charter School Commission (“Commission”) appreciates the opportunity to submit this testimony in **SUPPORT of HB2695**. The Commission is grateful for the support of Chair Woodson and this committee with the introduction of this measure which makes house-keeping amendments to the governing charter school statute, Chapter 302D, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

In summary, this measure proposes the following changes:

- Section 1: Clarifies and consolidates authorizer reporting requirements for the annual report to the Board of Education (BOE) and the Legislature;
- Section 2: Streamlines the application process for new charter schools by removing a step that has proven to be redundant and unnecessary;
- Section 3: Clarifies and updates indicators and measures in the performance frameworks of the Charter Contract;
- Section 4: Removes redundant language pertaining to the annual report to the BOE and the Legislature; and
- Section 5: Amends the audit selection process by allowing a selection of auditors from a list of more than three auditors.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.