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FOR: SB 3180, SD 1 Making an Emergency Appropriation to the State Public Charter School Commission

DATE: June 29, 2020

TIME: 2:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE: Committee on Finance

ROOM: Conference Room 329

FROM: Yvonne Lau, Interim Executive Director  
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Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the Committee:

The State Public Charter School Commission (“Commission”) deeply appreciates the opportunity to submit this testimony providing **STRONG SUPPORT of SB 3180, SD 1** which makes an emergency appropriation to provide funds for the state public charter school commission to pay the claim and settlement amount pursuant to Miller-Potter v. State of Hawaii, et al., Civil No. 16-1-0385K.

The Commission seeks this appropriation so that the Department of the Attorney General may be reimbursed for the cost of the claim and settlement. Last fiscal year, the Department of the Attorney General, in the interest of ensuring that the claim and settlement was honored, paid the settlement on behalf of the charter school and the state. As such, the Commission supports the Legislature’s efforts in providing funds that would then be returned to the Department of the Attorney General.

In addition, the Commission would have no objection to having this appropriation incorporated into SB 2844 SD2 HD1, to facilitate this reimbursement directly to the Attorney General.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.