

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **823**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2015

RE: S.B. No. 833
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 833 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to clarify the public charter school financial solvency and closure protocols.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Specifies that a public charter school's financial insolvency is deemed to be a voluntary surrender of the school's charter; and
- (2) Grants the authorizer the sole discretion to determine:
 - (A) Whether health and safety issues require school closure; and
 - (B) Whether to keep the school open to students and personnel for a set period of time.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the State Public Charter School Commission.

Your Committee finds that reforms to the current law are necessary because the current law does not adequately address the




scenario in which a public charter school continues operations despite its financial insolvency.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Incorporating the contents of S.B. No. 832, which allows a public charter school student who has been notified of the prospect of charter revocation or nonrenewal, or of school closure, to enroll in a school outside of the student's service area; and
- (2) Removing the word "voluntarily" from the provision regarding surrender of a charter due to financial insolvency to clarify that surrender in this circumstance will be mandated by law, rather than by a voluntary act of the charter school.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 833, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 833, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

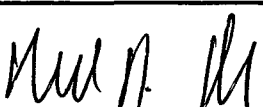


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB833	Committee Referral: EDU WAM	Date: 3/2/15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	11	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">  </div>				
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