

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 123

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.R.  
No. 123 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL  
COMMISSION TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO ADDRESS PUBLIC SCHOOL  
CAPACITY ISSUES THROUGH CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICANTS AND MAKE  
RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO STRENGTHEN THESE EFFORTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the  
State Public Charter School Commission to:

- (1) Continue its efforts to encourage prospective public charter school applicants to address larger public education system needs, such as the need for increased school capacity in particular geographic areas;
- (2) Intensify its efforts to raise awareness among community stakeholders, including state and county agencies, developers, and community-based organizations, of the potential of public charter schools to resolve these needs, and the rigorous application process of the State Public Charter School Commission; and
- (3) Assess existing and proposed legislative means for incentivizing prospective public charter school applicants to submit proposals addressing public school overcrowding and the need for additional public school capacity.



Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Public Charter School Commission and Hawaii State Teachers Association.

Your Committee finds that a vibrant public charter school community can simultaneously meet the niche curricular and instructional needs of students while relieving pressures on Department of Education schools presented by over-population. The State Public Charter School Commission should be encouraged to continue efforts to charter high quality schools to expand enrollment options for Hawaii families.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 123 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

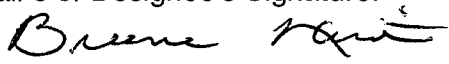
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Education,

  
MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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SR 123	EDU, WAM	3/30/15		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne				✓
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.				✓
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				✓
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	6			3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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