

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 727

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2017

RE: S.B. No. 197
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 197 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide funding for start-up grants to assist one or more new pre-opening charter schools.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Hawaii State Public Charter School Commission; The Maritime Group, LLC; Kamehameha Schools; Hawaii Public Charter School Network; and one individual.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii State Teachers Association and IMUAlliance.

Your Committee finds that certain Department of Education schools are operating at or near-full capacity and are struggling with severe overcrowding. Your Committee further finds that overcrowding in schools is a serious issue throughout the State. Your Committee recognizes that public charter schools can be a crucial part of the solution to the problem of school overcrowding, but notes that the start-up costs associated with opening a charter school are significant. These start-up costs



present a serious obstacle to opening new charter schools to meet the needs of Hawaii's students. Your Committee believes that the funding provided by this measure will help ease the cost of opening new charter schools to better support the educational needs of Hawaii's students.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the amounts appropriated in fiscal years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 from \$200,000 respectively for each year to unspecified amounts;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (3) Making a technical nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and style.

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. 197, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 197, S.D. 1.

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

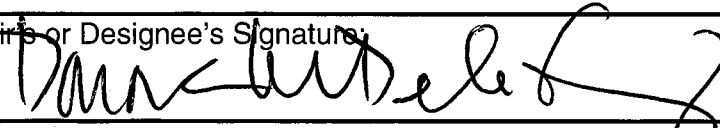


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 197	Committee Referral: EDU, WAM	Date: 2/23/17		
<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)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			/
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			/
TOTAL	9			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes