
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS THE ROLE OF THE AUTHORIZER, ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH CHARTER SCHOOLS, THE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS, AND WHETHER OR NOT LEGISLATION IS REQUIRED TO EFFECTUATE ANY DESIRED CHANGES.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Public Charter School Commission
2 (Charter Commission) has faced questions on the role of the
3 authorizer and its relationship with charter schools; and
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5 WHEREAS, it is unclear whether the unresolved questions
6 about the Charter Commission's authority should be addressed via
7 the Legislature through the enactment of laws or by
8 administrative rulemaking; and
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10 WHEREAS, there is a need to clarify the purpose and intent
11 of charter school authorizers; and
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13 WHEREAS, the need for public accountability of public funds
14 must be balanced with the authority for the charter school to
15 educate our keiki; now, therefore,
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
18 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the
19 House of Representatives concurring, that the following are
20 requested to convene as members of the Charter School
21 Authorizers Working Group:
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- 23 (1) The Chairperson of the Senate Education Committee, or
24 their designee, who shall serve as co-chair;
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26 (2) The Chairperson of the House Education Committee, or
27 their designee, who shall serve as co-chair;
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- 1 (3) The Chairperson of the Board of Education, or their
2 designee;
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- 4 (4) The Chairperson of the Charter Commission, or their
5 designee;
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- 7 (5) The Executive Director of the Charter Commission, or
8 their designee;
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- 10 (6) A representative from the Department of the Attorney
11 General;
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- 13 (7) A representative from the Hawaii State Ethics
14 Commission;
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- 16 (8) A representative of a conversion and Hawaiian
17 immersion school;
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- 19 (9) A representative of a charter school located on Oahu;
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- 21 (10) A representative of a charter school located on a
22 neighbor island; and
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- 24 (11) Additional members as requested by the co-chairs of
25 the committee; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Charter School Authorizers
28 Working Group is requested to examine the following:

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- 30 (1) Any administrative rules the Charter Commission should
31 promulgate to effectuate a productive relationship
32 between the authorizer and charter school that results
33 in positive educational outcomes; and
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- 35 (2) Any legislation the Legislature should enact to
36 accomplish the Charter Commission's goals; provided
37 that any recommendations for legislation should
38 include national best practices as applicable to
39 Hawaii's public charter school system and focus on
40 positive student outcomes in public education; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Charter School Authorizers
2 Working Group is requested to meet in May, July, September, and
3 November in 2021; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Charter School Authorizers
6 Working Group is requested to submit a report of its findings
7 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
8 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
9 the Regular Session of 2022; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
13 Charter Commission, Executive Director of the Charter
14 Commission, and Chairperson of the Board of Education.

