

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2015

RE: S.B. No. 831
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 Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 831 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to align the requirements for applying for start-up and conversion charter schools, and to make housekeeping amendments to chapter 302D, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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

Your Committee finds that certain amendments are necessary to make incremental but important improvements to chapter 302D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to charter schools. Among other things, the changes contained in this measure afford the State Public Charter School Commission some flexibility in filing reports to the Legislature, gives students of charter schools that are closing priority for admission to other charter schools, allows an enrollment preference to be given to educationally disadvantaged students, and requires the Department of Education to notify the Board of Education of potential closure of any Department school so the Board can consider the disposition of the facility.

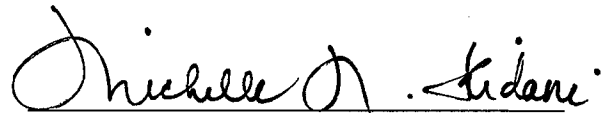


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Giving authorizers the choice of whether to require a public charter school it oversees to submit an annual report to the authorizer; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 831, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 831, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

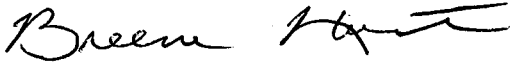


MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 831	EDU, WAM	2/6/15		
<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
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				✓
TOTAL	5			4
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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