

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 27, 2015

RE: S.B. No. 831  
S.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 831, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to strengthen the public charter school system in Hawaii by:

- (1) Aligning the requirements for start-up and conversion charter schools by, among other things:
  - (A) Including conversion charter schools within the provisions of section 302D-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which relates to the establishment of start-up charter schools; and
  - (B) Repealing section 302D-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which contains the existing provisions on the establishment of conversion charter schools;
- (2) With respect to start-up charter schools:
  - (A) Allowing a student who is currently enrolled in a charter school that has been notified of the prospect of revocation or is closing, to receive first priority to enroll at another charter school



to which the student applies or to be placed at the top of the waitlist for enrollment; and

- (B) Allowing the start-up charter school to give an enrollment preference through a weighted lottery to educationally disadvantaged students; and
- (3) Making housekeeping amendments related to public charter schools.

The State Public Charter School Commission supported the measure. A concerned individual testified in opposition: Kanu O Ka Aina Learning Ohana submitted comments.

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, S.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



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ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Education**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>SB 831 SD 2</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EDN, FIN</b>	Date: <b>3/18/15</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EDN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKUMI, Roy M. (C)	/			
2. OHNO, Takashi (VC)	/			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	/	<i>WR To</i>		/
4. CHOY, Isaac W.	/			
5. ICHIYAMA, Linda	/			
6. ING, Kaniela				/
7. ITO, Ken				/
8. KONG, Sam Satoru				/
9. LOPRESTI, Matthew S.	/			
10. SAY, Calvin K.Y.				/
11. TSUJI, Cliff	/			
12. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	/			
13. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.				/
<b>TOTAL (13)</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">  </div>				
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