

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 2019

RE: H.B. No. 622
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 622, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish certain requirements and restrictions relating to charter schools.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires that if federal criminal charges are filed against an employee of a charter school for actions taken in the course of employment, public funds that have been disbursed to the school shall be transferred to the State Public Charter School Commission;
- (2) Provides that funds appropriated to a charter school shall remain in the state treasury until certain requirements are met;
- (3) Provides that authorizers may conduct or require audits and makes authorizers responsible for the selection of independent auditors to complete each charter school's annual financial audit;



- (4) Requires authorizers to develop and maintain a system of banking accounts that charter schools shall exclusively use to receive and expend federal and state funds;
- (5) Prohibits individuals from serving on the Board of Education or the State Public Charter School Commission if they were affiliated with any public charter schools within the four years preceding the appointment to the board or commission; and
- (6) Prohibits an authorizer from simultaneously serving at or for a public charter school authorized by that authorizer.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from one individual.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Governor, Waimea Middle School, Kualapuu Public Conversion Charter School, Connections Public Charter School, Halau Ku Mana Public Charter School, and two individuals.


Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Board of Education, and State Public Charter School Commission.

Your Committee finds that it is prudent for the State to impose appropriate mechanisms for accountability and oversight of public charter schools.

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 H.B. No. 622, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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

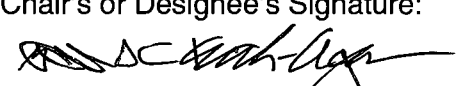


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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB622, HD2, SD1	Committee Referral: EDU, WAM	Date: 3/28/19		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation 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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	X			
HARIMOTO, Breene	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				X
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				X
FEVELLA, Kurt			X	
TOTAL	10		1	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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