

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 831
S.D. 2
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

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

Madam and Sir:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 831, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

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

Your Committee on Conference finds that certain amendments are necessary to make incremental but important improvements to chapter 302D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to public charter schools. This measure strengthens Hawaii's public charter school system by making necessary housekeeping amendments and addressing concerns regarding enrollment preferences for educationally disadvantaged students and students enrolled in charter schools that are slated for closure.



Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making discretionary, rather than mandatory, public charter school enrollment or waitlist priority for students enrolled in a public charter school who have received notice that their school is closing or facing charter revocation;
- (2) Deleting a provision that would have required the Department of Education to submit a notice of possible availability of a department school or notice of vacancy of a department school to the Board of Education regardless of whether the Department of Education has elected to use the department school to support education programs;
- (3) Making this measure effective upon approval; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 831, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 831, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



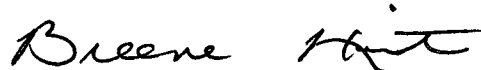
ROY M. TAKUMI, Co-Chair



LYNN DECOITE, Co-Chair



MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



BREENE HARIMOTO, Co-Chair



Record of Votes of a Conference Committee

Bill / Concurrent Resolution No.: SB 831, SD 2, HD 1					Date/Time: 2:30 pm 4-30-15				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).									
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.									
<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure					<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House Manager(s) is to AGREE to the Senate amendments made to the House Measure.				
Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
KIDANI, Michelle N., Chr.	✓				TAKUMI, Roy M., Co-Chr.	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene, Co-Chr.	✓				DECOITE, Lynn, Co-Chr.	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓				KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil				✓	OHNO, Takashi	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓	MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	✓			
TOTAL	3			2	TOTAL	5			
A = Aye		WR = Aye with Reservations			N = Nay		E = Excused		
Senate Recommendation is:					House Recommendation is:				
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Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:					House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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