

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 10

, 2015

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

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, 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.

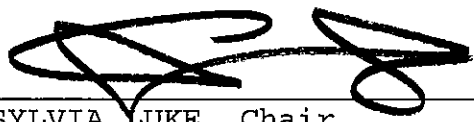
Two concerned individuals opposed this measure. The State Public Charter School Commission and Office of Hawaiian Affairs provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2030, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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

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

  
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SYLVIA LUKE, Chair

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<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> SB 831, SD2	<b>Committee Referral:</b> EDN, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 4/1/15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)				
<b>FIN Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)	/			
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)	/			
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.	/			
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	/			
5. DeCOITE, Lynn	/			
6. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	/			
7. JORDAN, Jo	/			
8. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	/			
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	/			
10. LOWEN, Nicole E.	/			
11. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	/			
12. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	/			
13. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
14. POUHA, Feki	/			
15. WARD, Gene	/			
TOTAL (15)	15			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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