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Senate Committee on Education
Monday, March 10, 2025
3:00 p.m.
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Measure: House Bill 904 HD1, Relating to Charter Schools

Purpose of Measure:

Repeals the requirement for the Board of Education to annually report to the Legislature, Governor, and the public on public charter schools. Effective 7/1/3000.

Aloha Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kim, and Members of the Committee:

The Board of Education (Board) supports House Bill 904 HD1, and thanks the Committee for its efforts to promote government efficiency.

The State Public Charter School Commission – as the State’s only charter school authorizer – already submits a comprehensive annual report to the Legislature that details the items the Board is also required to report on. As such, we believe this bill reduces duplicative efforts, but not transparency.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on behalf of the Board.

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FOR: HB 904 HD1 Relating to Charter Schools
DATE: March 10, 2025
TIME: 3:00 P.M.
COMMITTEE: Committee on Education
ROOM: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
FROM: Ed H. Noh, Ed. D., Executive Director
State Public Charter School Commission

Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kim, and members of the Committee:

The State Public Charter School Commission (“Commission”) appreciates the opportunity to offer testimony with **COMMENTS on HB 904 HD1** which is intended to eliminate duplicative reporting requirements by repealing the requirement for the Board of Education to annually report to the Legislature, Governor, and the public on public charter schools.

The Commission defers to the Board of Education (BOE) on this measure as the Commission’s reporting requirements, pursuant to §302D-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, will remain unchanged. The Commission will continue its annual reporting duties to the BOE and the Legislature as required by statute.

The Commission is available to work with the committee and the BOE in providing any data and information that is needed.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.