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FOR: SB 813 HD1 Relating to Charter Schools
DATE: March 23, 2021
TIME: 2:00 P.M.
COMMITTEE: Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
ROOM: Conference Room 329
FROM: Yvonne Lau, Interim Executive Director
State Public Charter School Commission

Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and members of the Committee:

The State Public Charter School Commission (“Commission”) appreciates the opportunity to submit this testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT of SB 813 HD1** which amends HRS §302D-32 to allow charter school authorizers to provide a list of approved independent auditors instead of selecting three independent auditors.

This amendment has been requested based on concerns and feedback from charter schools, particularly neighbor island charter schools, on the availability of the required audit services on their islands. The requested amendment would allow the Commission to approve more than three independent auditors to conduct audits for the 37 public charter schools that operate on five islands across the state.

In order to meet the current requirements of HRS §302D-32, the Commission has already conducted a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process and identified three approved independent auditors. However, the three selected auditors have indicated concerns in meeting the strict deadline for completion of the annual audits for all 37 public charter schools. Should this measure be passed, the Commission would reopen the RFQ process to review and approve additional auditors, including any interested neighbor island auditors.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Quinn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members,

Please support SB813.

Thank you,

Andrea Quinn