

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 09 2009

RE: H.B. No. 1686
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1686, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify the functions, duties, and roles of the Charter School Review Panel and the Board of Education in the administration and operation of charter schools.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires charter school boards to comply with Board of Education policies and Department of Education directives regarding special education and federal programs;
- (2) Clarifies that the Charter School Review Panel is subject to the requirements of the sunshine law;
- (3) Authorizes the Board of Education to remove a Charter School Review Panel member for cause;
- (4) Requires the Charter School Review Panel to approve the charter schools' all means of finance budget, capital improvement projects budget, and recommendations to



allocate non-per-pupil facilities funds to charter schools with facilities needs;

- (5) Specifies the duties of the Executive Director of the Charter School Administrative Office with regard to the preparation of the budget and a separate capital improvement projects budget;
- (6) Changes the requirements for per-pupil funding;
- (7) Changes the percentage amount that the Department of Education may retain for administrative costs for federal funds received by charter schools to an unspecified percentage; and
- (8) Requires the Charter School Review Panel to evaluate a charter school on its fourth anniversary and every five years thereafter.

Your Committee received six written comments on this measure. The written comments may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that this measure provides the additional reform necessary to allow charter schools to continue to strive for excellence through the effective and efficient administration of school operations.

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. 1686, 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,



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

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HB 1686, HD2, SD1	EDH, WAM	APRIL 2, 2009		
<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
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HEE, Clayton	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N.		/		
KOKUBUN, Russell S.				/
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred				/
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Recommendation:				
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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