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State of Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Education Monday, February 28, 2011 2:30 P.M. Conference Room 308 State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street

Dear Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Belatti, and Members,

RE: HB339 HD1

Testimony: Section 3 - Reconstituting Public Charter Schools

HCSN is a 501c3 educational quality initiative representing 31 Hawai'i public charter schools. Public charters have long held a strong sense that the Superintendent serving in her role as SEA already has the ability to weigh in on ALL public education matters, including those related to public charter schools.

It has been our experience that the Charter School Review Panel is fully cognizant of, and responsive to, the challenges facing Hawai'i's 31 public charter schools, and has developed a comprehensive method of evaluation. In addition, they are well aware of their obligations to work toward high performing, high quality public education.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB339, HD1.

Sincerely,

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