STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2355

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2116 S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui President of the Senate Twenty-Sixth State Legislature Regular Session of 2012 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 2116 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Board of Education to contract for an Implementation and Transition Coordinator to assist with the implementation of S.B. No. 2115, Regular Session of 2012 (S.B. No. 2115); and
- (2) Make an appropriation in an unspecified amount to the Department of Education for the Board of Education to contract for an Implementation and Transition Coordinator.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Governor, Charter School Administrative Office, National Governors Association, National Alliance for Public Charter Schools, Macalester College Center for School Change, Hawaii Public Charter School Network, Hawaii Educational Policy Center, Hawaii Island Charter Schools, Hoʻokakoʻo Corporation, Hawaii Technology Academy, Kanu o ka ʻAina ʻOhana, Kaneohe Ranch, Kewalo Hawaiian Homestead Community Association, and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from two individuals.

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Your Committee finds that the Charter School Governance, Accountability, and Authority Task Force ("Task Force") was established pursuant to Act 130, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, in response to questions and concerns raised by policy makers and advocates alike about the integrity of Hawaii's charter school governance structure and the overall strength of Hawaii's laws in establishing clear lines of authority to ensure accountability of the charter school system.

The Task Force concluded its work and issued its report and recommendations to the Legislature, which are included in S.B. No. 2115. This measure will provide the Department of Education and charter school stakeholders with the means to create a comprehensive transition framework to implement the recommendations of the Task Force to move Hawaii's charter schools toward greater student outcomes.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2116, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2116, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

JILL TOKUDA, Chair

## The Senate Twenty-Sixth Legislature State of Hawai'i

## Record of Votes Committee on Education EDU

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)					
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)					
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne		V			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.					
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.					
SLOM, Sam					
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Recommendation:  Adopted  Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:  The hille A. Ledani					
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