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House Committee on Finance

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairperson Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chairperson Representative Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chairperson

> Thursday, February 27, 2013 11:30 a.m. Hawaiʻi State Capitol, Room 308

Testimony of Don G. Horner, Chairperson

Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 674 HD1, Relating to Education

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. The Board of Education SUPPORTS HB 674 HD1.

This bill provides for amendments to Chapter 302D, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"). The purpose of HRS Chapter 302D was to establish a solid governance structure for Hawaii's charter school system with clear lines of authority and accountability that will foster improved student outcomes. The law is guided by the hallmarks of a high-quality charter school system which include high expectations, increased flexibility and autonomy, and meaningful accountability. We believe that HB 674 HD1 furthers these goals.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 674 HD1.



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February 26, 2013

Representative Sylvia Luke Chair, Committee on Finance Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto Vice Chair, Committee on Finance Representative Aaron Ling Johanson Vice Chair, Committee on Finance Hearing on House Bill 674 HD1 - Relating to Education State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Aloha Chair Luke and Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson!

Enterprise Honolulu stands in support of House Bill 674 HD1 provided that there are amendments made to the bill, by deleting the following language from Section 16... "shall include only those students who fall within the purview of section 302A-1132"... By providing for all kindergarten, special education and charter school students, this will avoid marginalizing any funding for the per pupil payments in this group of students.

We ask for your legislative support to improve this measure.

Please feel free to contact me directly should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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