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### **Charter School Task Force Holds Meeting to Address Issues**

**HONOLULU --** The Charter School Governance, Accountability, and Authority Task Force (CSGTF) will be holding its first meeting **on Wednesday, July 20, 2011 at 10 a.m. in conference room 225, at the State Capitol.**

The Task Force is co-chaired by Senate Education Committee Chair Jill Tokuda and House Education Committee Vice-Chair Della Au Belatti.

Representatives from the Legislature, Governor's office, Board of Education, Department of Education, Charter School Administrative Office, Charter School Review Panel, Charter School Network, Ho'okako'o Corporation, and Kamehameha Schools are expected to participate on the task force as set forth in SB1174 (Act 130).

"We view this opportunity to strengthen and build upon the successes of our charter schools," said Senator Jill Tokuda, chair of the Senate Committee on Education.

CSGTF was established under Senate Bill 1174 (Act 130). The bill was introduced to address several issues brought to surface relating Charter Schools.

Tokuda also stated, "Our charter schools are an important part of our educational system and as with all publically funded institutions, it is incumbent on us to ensure that there are clear lines of accountability and have monitoring oversight functions in place."

Act 130 establishes a task force that seeks accountability among stakeholders of the charter school system. Among the objectives of the Task Force are to develop legislation or administrative rules on the governance structure of charter schools, identify oversight and monitoring responsibilities of the charter school review panel, and discuss funding related issues.

June 20<sup>th</sup> is the first of five meetings scheduled for CSGTF. A report is due to the Legislature 20 days before 2012 session

For more information on SB1174:

[http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2011/lists/measure\\_indiv.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=1174](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2011/lists/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=1174)

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