

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAY 1

, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1251
H.D. 1
S.D. 2
C.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir and Madam:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 1251, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled:

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

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to provide assistance to public charter schools and early learning programs by, among other things:

- (1) Establishing a framework for public charter schools and early learning programs to use and occupy vacant state facilities;
- (2) Requiring the Board of Education to include information on facility and project funding in its annual report on public charter schools;



- (3) Requiring the Legislature, starting with the 2016-2017 fiscal year, to consider appropriations and bond authorizations for charter school facilities;
- (4) Establishing a Charter School Facilities Funding Working Group to advise the State Public Charter School Commission on prioritizing general fund appropriations and bond proceeds for public charter schools; and
- (5) Appropriating funds and authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds for charter school facilities and improvements.

Your Committee on Conference has amended the measure by:

- (1) Specifying that only public charter schools and early learning programs affiliated with a public charter school are eligible to use and occupy vacant state facilities;
- (2) Removing the Executive Office on Early Learning from the framework for public charter schools and early learning programs to use and occupy vacant state facilities;
- (3) Deleting the appropriations and the authorization to issue general obligation bonds;
- (4) Changing its effective date to upon its approval; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1251, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1251, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.




Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

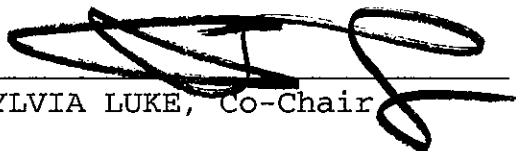
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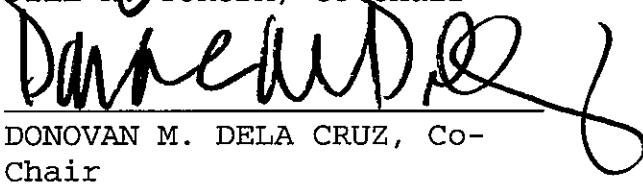
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The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).

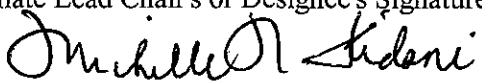
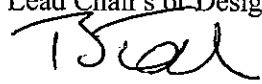
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.

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Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
KIDANI, Michelle N., Chr.	✓				TAKUMI, Roy M., Co-Chr.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N., Co-Chr.	✓				LUKE, Sylvia, Co-Chr.	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M., Co-Chr.	✓				ING, Kaniela	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓				KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓	MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1	TOTAL	5	0	0	0

A = Aye WR = Aye with Reservations N = Nay E = Excused

Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted	House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted
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Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 	House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 
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