

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3531

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 08 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2205  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 2205, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, 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 refine the governance of public charter schools.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Prohibits public charter school authorizers from providing technical support to prospective charter school applicants or their governing boards when that technical support will impact a decision to approve or deny a charter application;
- (2) Establishes meeting minutes requirements for charter schools and their governing boards;
- (3) Provides nonprofit organizations acting in the role of a conversion charter school governing board with the same protections afforded to other governing boards;
- (4) Authorizes charter schools to assess and collect special fees and charges for co-curricular activities; and



- (5) Allows a conversion charter school to establish its own enrollment procedures and apply certain enrollment preferences.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the State Public Charter School Commission and the Governing Board of Kanu o ka Aina.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from Kamehameha Schools.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network.

Your Committee finds that this measure will improve consideration of charter school applications by prohibiting public charter school authorizers from providing technical support to charter school applicants and their governing boards, which will help to ensure neutrality in the decision to approve or deny the application. Your Committee further finds that establishing more defined requirements for the posting of public charter school meeting minutes will also help to ensure transparency and accountability in the decisions made by public charter school governing boards.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2016.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2205, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2205, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.

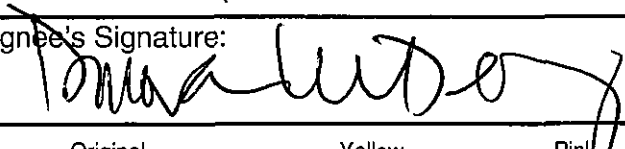
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
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JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
HB 2205, HD1, SD1	EDU, WAM	3/21/16
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____		
The Recommendation is:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/	
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/	
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/	
ENGLISH, J. Kalani		/
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/	
HARIMOTO, Breene	/	
INOUE, Lorraine R.	/	
RIVIERE, Gil	/	
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/	
WAKAI, Glenn		/
SLOM, Sam	/	
<b>TOTAL</b>	9	2
Recommendation:		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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