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FOR:	HB 1744 HD1 Relating to Public School Facilities
DATE:	Thursday, February 25, 2016
TIME:	11:00 AM
COMMITTEE(S):	House Committee on Finance
ROOM:	Conference Room 308
FROM:	Tom Hutton, Executive Director State Public Charter School Commission

Testimony in support HB 1744 HD1

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and members of the Committee:

The Commission appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of this proposal, which would help ensure that Hawaii's public charter school students have better access to athletic facilities. We are grateful to the sponsors of the bill and to House Committee on Education for this expression of support for helping to address the inadequacy of many public charter school facilities.

We acknowledge that the Department of Education (DOE) has some practical concerns with implementing this bill, and we hope that if revisions will help address those considerations that appropriate ones can be identified while preserving the bill's recognition of the importance of access by Hawaii's students who are enrolled in charter schools to suitable facilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



February 23, 2016

- To: Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair Honorable Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair House Finance Committee
- From: Jeannine Souki, Executive Director Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network

Re: HB 1744, HD1 – RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITES – SUPPORT Conference Room 306 – Hawaii State Capitol – Feb. 25, 2016 11:00 A.M.

On behalf of the Hawaii Public Charter School Network (HPCSN), we are submitting testimony in support of HB1744, HD1, Relating to Public School Facilities, which would provide charter schools with the right of refusal for the use of DOE athletic facilities within school complex area and on available dates.

This legislation would authorize a process by which school principals may work with interested charter school leaders to coordinate the use of DOE athletic facilities within the complex area, by prioritizing usage for charter schools for unutilized dates available.

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Comments: It has worked in the Pahoa complex. Only thing I would add is for parties to agree on a rate structure so that it would be feasible for a charter school to rent a gymnasium for a night.

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Comments: This will provide charter schools with schedules of available dates that athletic facilities are available.

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