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SB 2239 Relating to College Placement Exam Fees

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COMMITTEE:

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Room 229

FROM:

Sione Thompson, Executive Director

State Public Charter School Commission

Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kahele, and members of the Committee:

The State Public Charter School Commission ("Commission") appreciates the opportunity to submit this testimony in **SUPPORT OF THE INTENT of SB 2239**, which provides \$150,000 to the Department of Education (DOE) for the payment of SAT or ACT standardized test examination fees for eleventh or twelfth grade students eligible for the free and reduced price lunch program.

There are approximately 220 public charter school students that would be eligible for this support at this time. The Commission humbly requests the committee consider clarifying the measure to ensure that public charter school students are included.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.