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FOR: SB 3037 SD1 RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS
DATE: March 11, 2020
TIME: 2:00 P.M.
COMMITTEE: Committee on Lower and Higher Education
ROOM: Conference Room 309
FROM: Yvonne Lau, Interim Executive Director
State Public Charter School Commission

Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Hashem, Vice Chair Quinlan, and members of the Committee:

The State Public Charter School Commission ("Commission") appreciates the opportunity to submit this testimony in **SUPPORT of SB3037 SD1**. The Commission is grateful for the support of the Education Committee with the introduction and passage of this measure which makes house-keeping amendments to the governing charter school statute, Chapter 302D, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

In summary, this measure proposes the following changes:

- Section 1: Clarifies and consolidates authorizer reporting requirements for the annual report to the Board of Education (BOE) and the Legislature;
- Section 2: Streamlines the application process for new charter schools by removing a step that has proven to be redundant and unnecessary;
- Section 3: Clarifies and updates indicators and measures in the performance frameworks of the Charter Contract;
- Section 4: Removes redundant language pertaining to the annual report to the BOE and the Legislature; and
- Section 5: Amends the audit selection process by allowing a selection of auditors from a list of more than three auditors.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

SB-3037-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 4:38:05 PM

Testimony for LHE on 3/11/2020 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Quinn	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please oppose the amendments to SB3037. There's no reason charter schools should be unaccountable, either for funds received or in terms of student grades, if they are receiving taxpayer funding.

Studies across the country show charter schools to typically underperform public schools.

Thank you for your time.

Andrea Quinnor

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