Honolulu, Hawaii

## APR 2 2 2021

RE: S.B. No. 813

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Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2021 State of Hawaii

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2021 State of Hawaii

Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 813, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO 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 require authorizers to provide to each charter school it oversees a list of approved independent auditors.

Your Committee on Conference finds that charter schools may only select an auditor from a list of three auditors selected by the authorizer. There are currently not enough auditors in Hawaii to meet the required timeline to ensure charter school audits are included in the consolidated annual financial reports. Your Committee further finds that many of the auditors selected by the authorizer are based on Oahu, which makes it more difficult for charter schools on the other islands to complete their audits and forces those charter schools to incur additional expenses and

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delays. This measure would allow the charter schools to choose from a list of more than three independent auditors to conduct audits and provide access to auditors for the many charter schools that operate on all the islands across the State.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by changing the effective date to upon its approval.

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 S.B. No. 813, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 813, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

MICHELLE N. KIDANI

Chair

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## Record of Votes of a Conference Committee

Bill / Concurrent Resolution No.:  SB 813, HD 1				Date/Time: 4:05 pm					
The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).									
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.									
The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure				The recommendation of the House Manager(s) is to AGREE to the Senate amendments made to the House Measure.					
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