

Honolulu, Hawaii
FEB 05, 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2403
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 2403 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make an emergency appropriation to the Department of Education to provide funding for charter schools.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Office of Hawaii Affairs; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; and CARES.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Education is required to provide proportional funding to charter schools based on their student enrollment. Your Committee notes that, even though the overall enrollment for the Department of Education has gone up from the 2023 to 2024 school year, the growth rate for public charter schools has grown even faster at four percent higher than projected. One factor that explains the sudden increased public charter school enrollment is the growing need for temporary school options in Lahaina because of the destruction incurred by the devastating wildfires. Although there is an increase in charter school enrollment, the amount of funding for



charter schools is less than what is required. This measure seeks to make an emergency appropriation to provide funds to the Department of Education to cover its funding requirements for charter schools.


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$6,600,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2403, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2403, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Education,


JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

| Bill/Resolution No.: HB2403 | Committee Referral: EDN, FIN | Date: 1/30/24 | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure. | | | | |
| The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) | | | | |
| EDN Members | Ayes | Ayes (WR) | Nays | Excused |
| 1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C) | / | | | |
| 2. LA CHICA, Trish (VC) | / | | | |
| 3. KAPELA, Jeanne | / | | | |
| 4. MARTEN, Lisa | / | | | |
| 5. MARTINEZ, Rose | / | | | |
| 6. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. | | | | X |
| 7. MIZUNO, May Besario | / | | | |
| 8. PERRUSO, Amy A. | / | | | |
| 9. QUINLAN, Sean | | | | X |
| 10. TODD, Chris | / | | | |
| 11. GARCIA, Diamond | / | | | |
| TOTAL (11) | 9 | | | 2 |
| The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small> | | | | |
| Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Trish La Chica</u> | | | | |
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