

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2216** -26

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 20, 2026

RE: S.C.R. No. 203
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 203 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THIS BODY TO ESTABLISH A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE THE SUPPORT SYSTEMS AVAILABLE TO STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS AND DETERMINE WHETHER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRALIZED PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL DISTRICT OR SIMILAR SERVICE COOPERATIVE WOULD PROVIDE IMPROVED SUPPORT TO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Legislature to establish a Public Charter School Working Group to examine the support systems available to state public charter schools and determine whether the establishment of a centralized public charter school district or similar service cooperative would provide improved support to public charter schools.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network. Your Committee received testimony in support of the intent of this measure from the State Public Charter School Commission.

Your Committee finds that public charter schools are an important component of the Hawaii's public education system, providing innovative, culturally grounded, and community-based

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educational opportunities for diverse student populations. Your Committee further finds that public charter schools operate under a governance and support structure that differs from that of Department of Education schools. Your Committee notes that the establishment of a centralized administrative charter school district or a statewide service cooperative may provide a coordinated back-office administrative and operational support for public charter schools. Your Committee believes that a comprehensive examination of existing support systems available to public charter schools is needed to provide further insight in the need for establishing a new centralized administrative structure for public charter schools.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that certain members of the Public Charter School Working Group are requested to be invited by the Chairperson or members of the Working Group;
- (2) Including a representative of HawaiiKidsCAN as a member of the Working Group, to be invited by the Chairperson or members of the Working Group;
- (3) Adding the Executive Director of HawaiiKidsCAN as a recipient of certified copies of this measure; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 203, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 203, H.D. 1.



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

for parish le choice
JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

Bill/Resolution No.: SCR 203	Committee Referral: EDN, FIN	Date: 4/16/20		
<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. AMATO, Terez	/			
4. EVSLIN, Luke A.	/			
5. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya	/			
6. KAPELA, Jeanne				/
7. KILA, Darius K.				/
8. OLDS, Ikaika	/			
9. MURAOKA, Christopher L.	/			
10. SOUZA, Kanani	/			
TOTAL (10)	8	—	—	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. _____ committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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