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DATE: February 16, 2016

TO: The Honorable Lance A. Mizumoto
Chairperson, State Board of Education

FROM: Tom Hutton, Executive Director
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AGENDA ITEM: Briefing on legislation relating to charter schools

Chairperson Mizumoto and Members of the Board:

At its September 12, 2013 general business meeting, the Commission instituted a practice of developing a list of Standing Advocacy Principles and an annual list of Advocacy Positions.

The Standing Advocacy Principles, attached as **Exhibit 1**, are a short list of overarching principles to which the Commission is committed on the most general issues.

The annually adopted Advocacy Positions are a list of positions on more timely and/or temporarily significant or relatively narrower issues. As a practical matter, this is not a list of positions on specific pending bills also is relatively short. The 2016 Advocacy Positions are attached as **Exhibit 2**.

The highest priority for the Commission is legislation specifically addressing the charter school system and/or the charter schools collectively, followed by legislation that otherwise would have an impact on the charter school system and/or a unique impact on charter schools as compared to other public schools or other institutions.

Attached as **Exhibit 3** is a chart of bills pending before the 2016 Legislative Session that the Commission is following.

Exhibit 1
HAWAII STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION
STANDING ADVOCACY PRINCIPLES

Purposes of charter schooling

Public policy and policymakers should recognize public charter schools as a tool for addressing state educational challenges, as a means of offering excellent educational choices to all students and families, as a means of testing and modeling educational innovations, and ultimately as a strategy for strengthening our public school system as a whole.

Charter school autonomy

To the maximum extent consistent with safeguarding the educational interest of students and the responsible use of public resources, public policy and policymakers should respect the decision-making and operational autonomy of charter schools.

Charter school accountability

Public policy and policymakers should ensure that Hawaii's charter school system is able to safeguard the educational interests of students and the responsible use of public resources.

Applicability of state laws and policies to charter schools

Whether and how state statutes, regulations, policies, collective bargaining agreements, and other sources of regulatory authority apply to charter schools should be made as clear as possible, both within the specific terms of those sources of authority as well as in related communications by the public agencies responsible for their implementation.

Charter school funding and support

Charter schools must be funded and supported adequately to be able to meet the educational needs of their students and to fulfill their role as a strategy for system-wide improvement. This particularly includes funding and other support for adequate facilities.

Exhibit 2
HAWAII STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION
2016 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY POSITIONS

Charter schools generally:

Governing board duties

Amend Chapter 302D-12, HRS to (1) provide more flexibility in the deadline for the governing board to post and make available its meeting minutes, by requiring that this be done—instead of within 30 days as is now required—no later than five calendar days following the governing board’s next public meeting or within sixty calendar days, whichever is sooner, and (2) improve the quality of governing board minutes by requiring the inclusion of the certain minimal information similar to that required of all other state agencies under Chapter 92-9, HRS.

Nondiscrimination in admissions

Amend 302D-34, HRS to clarify that a conversion charter school may adopt enrollment preferences similar to those allowable for start-up charter schools not only for grades that were not in place when the school converted to a public charter school but also as to any excess capacity after all students from the school’s geographic service area have been admitted.

School fees for co-curricular activities

Amend Chapter 302D-28, HRS to clarify that charter schools can assess and collect special fees and charges from students for co-curricular activities.

Charter school funding and facilities:

Support for facilities

Make funding and other tools available to support charter school facility needs.

Direct funding of certain employee costs

Fund certain employee costs payable only by some schools, such as incentive pay for hard-to-fill teaching positions and for National Board teacher certification, to impacted schools rather than through per-pupil funding.

Study of per-pupil funding system

Request an impartial and capable state agency like the State Auditor or the Legislative Reference Bureau to study the per-pupil system in depth to determine whether it fulfills its statutory purpose of equalizing operational funding among public schools.

Funding for startup grants for school proposed to meet priority needs

Provide state funding to the Commission for start-up grants to be awarded to approved pre-opening charter schools that are intended to address the system priority needs identified in the request for proposals under which the schools' applications were approved.

Strengthening of early learning

Support efforts to improve Hawaii's infrastructure for quality early learning and provide for the sustainability of preschool programs in charter schools beyond the term of the Commission's federal pre-kindergarten grant.

The Charter School Commission and Chartering:

Commission adjudicatory functions

Amend Chapter 92-6(2), HRS to explicitly include the Commission on the list of state boards exempted from the requirements of Chapter 92 when acting in its adjudicatory role on a matter that the Commission already has decided in a public meeting.

Commission hearings

Amend Chapter 302D-18, HRS to confirm explicitly that hearings by the Commission are subject to the procedural requirements specifically set forth in Chapter 302D, not other requirements of contested case hearings from outside the charter school law.

Multiple authorizers

Ensure that the creation of any additional authorizers is done in accordance with best practices, including, but not limited to, a rigorous application process, safeguards against inappropriate authorizer shopping, and authorizer accountability based on the performance of the schools in the authorizer's portfolio.

Charter contracts

Preserve the Commission's discretion to use a standard charter contract with such individualized provisions as the Commission may deem appropriate.

Exhibit 3
HAWAII STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION
2016 LEGISLATIVE BILL TRACKER

| Color Key: Bills highlighted yellow impact charter schools or the Commission in significant enough ways to likely warrant testimony from the Commission. Bills highlighted dark grey are "dead" for this legislative session. The bill highlighted green is the State budget bill. | | | | | | | | | |
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| Bill | Report Title | Measure Title | Description | Notes | Current Status | Introducer(s) | Referral | Companion | Commission Testimony |
| HB1228 | Teacher Leaders; Incentive; Appropriation (\$) | RELATING TO TEACHER LEADERS | Requires the Department of Education to provide a bonus of \$2,500 to teachers who meet all of the requirements to add the teacher leader field to their existing teaching license. (HB1228 HD1) | This bill was introduced in the 2015 Legislative Session and has been carried over to the 2016 session. | (H) 2-12-2016- Bill scheduled to be heard by EDN on Friday, 02-12-16 2:00PM in House conference room 309. | OHNO, BROWER, HASHEM, ICHIYAMA, ING, JOHANSON, KEOHOKALOLE, C. LEE, LOWEN, SAY, TAKUMI, WOODSON, Evans, Nishimoto, San Buenaventura | LAB, EDN, FIN | | SPCSC TESTIMONY- HB1228HD1- Teacher Leaders EDN 2-12-2016 |
| HB1700 | State budget. (\$) | RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET. | To adjust and request appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2015-17 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs. | | (H) 1/25/16 - Referred to FIN, referral sheet 1 | SOUKI | FIN | N/A | |
| HB1744 | DOE Athletic Facilities; Charter Schools | RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES. | Provides public charter schools with the right of first refusal for the use of DOE athletic facilities within the school complex area and on available dates. Requires DOE school principals to provide public charter schools with schedules of available dates for the use of athletic facilities. | | (H) 2/8/2016 - The committees on EDN recommend that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes were as follows: 10 Ayes: Representative(s) Takumi, Ohno, Aquino, Choy, Ichiyama, Ing, Ito, Kong, Matsumoto, Tupola; Ayes with reservations: none; Noes: none; and 2 Excused: Representative(s) Say, Tsuji. | EVANS, CREAGAN, LOWEN, NAKASHIMA, TSUJI, San Buenaventura | EDN, FIN | N/A | SPCSC TESTIMONY- HB1744 DOE Athletic Facilities EDN 2-8-2016 |
| HB1782 | Education; Sexual Abuse Prevention; Erin's Law | RELATING TO EDUCATION. | Establishes a sexual abuse prevention instructional program for public schools. Sets out guidelines of instruction. Modeled after Erin's law. | | (H) 2/9/2016 - Passed Second Reading as amended in HD 1 and referred to the committee(s) on EDN with none voting aye with reservations; Representative(s) McDermott voting no (1) and Representative(s) Tupola excused (1). | MIZUNO, LOPRESTI, MORIKAWA, SAY, Evans, Keohokalole | HUS, EDN, FIN | N/A | SPCSC TESTIMONY- HB1782 Erin's Law HUS 2-4-2016 |
| HB1787 | Erin's Law Task Force; Education; Sexual Abuse Prevention; Appropriation (\$) | RELATING TO EDUCATION | Creates and appropriates funds for the Erin's Law task force to guide the establishment of a program to educate public school students on sexual abuse prevention through use of age appropriate curricula; provide relevant training to school teachers and staff; and inform parents about important child sexual abuse topics. | | (H) 2/12/16 - Reported from HUS/EDN (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 270-16) as amended in HD 1, recommending passage on Second Reading and referral to LMG. | MIZUNO, LOPRESTI, MORIKAWA, SAY, TAKUMI | HUS/EDN, LMG, FIN | SB2235 | SPCSC TESTIMONY- HB1787 Erin's Law HUS-EDN 2-11-2016 |
| HB1789 | After-school Programs; Resources for Enrichment, Athletics, Culture, and Health Program; Office of Youth Services | RELATING TO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS. | Establishes the R.E.A.C.H (resources for enrichment, athletics, culture, and health) program in the office of youth services to provide a standardized framework and funding for after-school programs in public middle and intermediate schools. Authorizes participating schools to collect fees. | Keiki Caucus- Specifically includes charter schools in the definition of a middle school. | (H) 2/12/2016 - Reported from HUS (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 233-16), recommending passage on Second Reading and referral to EDN. | MIZUNO, EVANS, KEOHOKALOLE, LOPRESTI, MORIKAWA, SAY, THIELEN, TOKIOKA, TSUJI, DeCoite | EDN, FIN | SB2231 | SPCSC TESTIMONY- HB1789 REACH HUS 2-11-2016 |
| HB2062 | Public Charter Schools; Employment of Attorneys | RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF ATTORNEYS BY PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS. | Allows for an exemption to public charter schools and their governing boards from the statutory prohibition on retaining outside counsel. | | (H) 1/27/2016 - Referred to EDN, JUD, FIN, referral sheet 2 | NAKASHIMA, CREAGAN, EVANS, LOWEN, ONISHI, TSUJI, San Buenaventura | | SB2431 | |
| HB2067 | Public Charter School Authorizers | RELATING TO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZERS. | Requires the Board of Education to establish, by December 1, 2016, policies, criteria, or guidelines for evaluating applications for chartering authority to allow additional public charter school authorizers in Hawaii. | | (H) 1/27/2016 - Referred to EDN, JUD, referral sheet 2 | NAKASHIMA | | N/A | |
| HB2135 HD1 | Home Schooling; Extracurricular Activities | RELATING TO EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. | Allows home schooled students to participate on an equal basis in extracurricular activities offered at the public school they would otherwise be required to attend. | | (H) 2/11/16 - Bill scheduled to be heard by JUD on Tuesday, 02-16-16 2:00PM in House conference room 325. | SOUKI | EDN, JUD, FIN | SB2243 | |
| HB2205 | Charter Schools; Rules; Fees | RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS. | Establishes requirements for public charter school board meetings. Exempts public charter school commission from certain public meeting requirements. Authorizes charter schools to assess fees and charges for co-curricular activities. (HB2205 HD1) | COMMISSION CLEAN-UP BILL | (H) 2/8/2016 - The committees on EDN recommend that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes were as follows: 8 Ayes: Representative(s) Takumi, Ohno, Aquino, Choy, Ichiyama, Ing, Ito, Kong; Ayes with reservations: Representative(s) Matsumoto, Tupola; Noes: none; and 2 Excused: Representative(s) Say, Tsuji. | TAKUMI, OHNO | | SB2780 | SPCSC TESTIMONY- HB2205 Clean-up Bill EDN 2-8-2016 |
| HB2214 | Department of Education; Public Charter Schools; Authorizers; Attorneys; Fund Distribution | RELATING TO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS. | Simplifies the process for an entity to become an authorizer (an entity that approves or denies applications to become a charter school). Establishes a shortened timeline for the release of charter school funds. Authorizes charter schools to retain attorneys for charter contract negotiation, charter revocation, and charter nonrenewal processes. | | (H) 2/10/16 - The committee(s) on EDN recommend(s) that the measure be deferred. | EVANS, CREAGAN, KOBAYASHI, LOWEN, NAKASHIMA, ONISHI, SAN BUENAVENTURA, Takumi, Tsuji, Woodson | EDN, JUD, FIN | SB3104 | SPCSC TESTIMONY- HB2214 Charter School Authorizers EDN 2-8-2016 |
| HB2257 | CIP; 24th Representative District (\$) | RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT. | Appropriates funds for capital improvement projects for the benefit of the 24th representative district. | CIP bill includes \$550,000 for Halau Ku Mana permanent wastewater system | (H) 1/27/2016 - Referred to FIN, referral sheet 3 | BELATTI | | N/A | |
| HB2267 | Technology in Schools; Digital Format; Appropriation (\$) | RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY IN SCHOOLS. | Defines curricular materials to include both printed and digital material. Requires textbook manufacturers to make a digital format of the textbook available for use in public schools. Clarifies that moneys for curricular materials can be used for digital formats. Appropriates funds. | | (H) 2/11/16 - Reported from EDN (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 171-16) as amended in HD 1, recommending passage on Second Reading and referral to FIN. | OHNO, BROWER, EVANS, ING, ITO, JORDAN, KEOHOKALOLE, C. LEE, LUKE, MIZUNO, MORIKAWA, OSHIRO, TAKAYAMA, TAKUMI, TOKIOKA, YAMANE, Johanson, Kobayashi, San Buenaventura, Tsuji | EDN, FIN | SB2606 | SPCSC TESTIMONY- HB2267 Curricular Materials EDN 2-3-2016 |
| HB2352 | Charter Schools; Workers' Compensation | RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS. | Requires charter schools to administer and pay charter schools workers' compensation claims, and secure necessary funding to support payment for charter schools workers' compensation liabilities under one of the several options allowed by the Hawaii workers' compensation law, including self-insurance. Effective July 1, 2016. | GOV Package | (H) 1/29/16 - Referred to LAB, EDN, FIN, referral sheet 4 | SOUKI | LAB, EDN, FIN | SB2881 | |

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| HB2380 | After-school Programs; Resources for Enrichment, Athletics, Culture, and Health Program. | RELATING TO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS. | Establishes the R.E.A.C.H. (Resources for Enrichment, Athletics, Culture, and Health) program in the Office of Youth Services to provide a standardized framework and a funding mechanism for after-school programs in public middle schools. Requires the Office of Youth Services to report to the Legislature. | GOV Package | (H) 2/01/2016 - This measure has been deleted from the meeting scheduled on Thursday 02-04-16 8:30AM in conference room 329. | SOUKI | HUS, EDN, FIN | SB2909 | |
| HB2453 | State Public Charter School Commission; New Charter Schools; Start-Up Grants; Appropriation (\$) | RELATING TO CHARTER S | Appropriates moneys for start-up grants for newly approved, pre-opening, public charter schools. | | (H) 2/8/2016 - The committees on EDN recommend that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes were as follows: 10 Ayes: Representative(s) Takumi, Ohno, Aquino, Choy, Ichiyama, Ing, Ito, Kong, Matsumoto, Tupola; Ayes with reservations: none; Noes: none; and 2 Excused: Representative(s) Say, Tsuji. | TAKUMI, LOPRESTI | | SB2797; SB2977 | SPCSC TESTIMONY- HB2453 Start-up Grants EDN 2-8-2016 |
| HB2524 | Charter Schools; Teacher Incentives; Teacher Bonuses; Appropriation (\$) | RELATING TO TEACHER INCENTIVES. | Clarifies that funds for bonuses required by statute or collective bargaining shall not be paid out of a charter school's facilities funding or per-pupil funds. Appropriates funds for teacher bonuses for hard-to-fill placement incentives and National Board certified teacher incentives for charter school teachers. | | (H) 2/8/2016 - The committees on EDN recommend that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes were as follows: 10 Ayes: Representative(s) Takumi, Ohno, Aquino, Choy, Ichiyama, Ing, Ito, Kong, Matsumoto, Tupola; Ayes with reservations: none; Noes: none; and 2 Excused: Representative(s) Say, Tsu | OHNO, AQUINO, ICHIJAMA, ING, KONG, MATSUMOTO | | SB2781 | SPCSC TESTIMONY- HB2524 Teacher Bonuses EDN 2-8-2016 |
| HB2525 | | Educational Assistant Certification Incentive Program; Alternate Teacher Route Contract; Appropriation (\$) | Creates an incentive program for current educational assistants in hard-to-fill schools to attain teacher licensure if they commit to teaching for three years in a hard-to-fill school. Appropriates funds for the program and alternate teacher route contracts. | | (H) 2/1/16 - Referred to EDN, FIN, referral sheet 5 | OHNO, AQUINO, HAR, ICHIJAMA, ING, KONG, SAIKI, YAMANE, Oshiro | EDN, FIN | SB2782 | |
| HB2655 | Weighted Student Formula; Exception; Remote Schools; Hana High and Elementary School | RELATING TO EDUCATION. | Requires remote schools to be allocated funds using categorical allotments, rather than through the weighted student formula. Defines a remote school as any public school that is a high school located at least a one-hour drive away from the next nearest high school or a high school located on the island of Lana'i, Moloka'i, or Ni'ihau. Specifies minimum number of teachers for Hana high and elementary school. | Charter schools excluded from the definition of a remote school. | (H) 2/1/2016 - Referred to EDN, FIN, referral sheet 5 | DECOITE, Ing, Onishi, Pouha, San Buenaventura, Tsuji | EDN, FIN | SB2571 | |
| HB2656 | Weighted Student Formula; Remote Schools; Public Schools; Funding | RELATING TO EDUCATION. | Requires remote schools to be allocated funds using categorical allotments, rather than through the weighted student formula. Defines a remote school as any public school that is a high school located at least a one-hour drive away from the next nearest high school or a high school located on the island of Lanai, Molokai, or Ni'ihau. | Charter schools excluded from the definition of a remote school. | (H) 2/01/2016 - Referred to EDN, FIN, referral sheet 5 | DECOITE, Ing, Onishi, Pouha, San Buenaventura | EDN, FIN | SB2573 | |
| HB2705 | Public Education; Physical Education; Working Group; Established | RELATING TO PHYSICAL EDUCATION. | Establishes a working group to assess physical education in kindergarten through elementary grades in public schools and report to the legislature.V | | (H) 2/5/16 - The committees on EDN recommend that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes were as follows: 9 Ayes: Representative(s) Takumi, Ohno, Choy, Ichiyama, Ing, Kong, Say, Tsuji, Matsumoto; Ayes with reservations: none; 0 Noes: none; and 3 Excused: Representative(s) Aquino, Ito, Tupola. | FUKUMOTO CHANG, MATSUMOTO | EDN, FIN | N/A | SPCSC TESTIMONY- HB2705 PE in Kindergarten EDN 2-5-2016 |
| HB2739 | Student Travel; DOE; Appropriation (\$) | RELATING TO STUDENT TRAVEL. | Appropriates funds to support the DOE's student travel program. | | (H) 2/5/16 - The committees on EDN recommend that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes were as follows: 9 Ayes: Representative(s) Takumi, Ohno, Choy, Ichiyama, Ing, Kong, Say, Tsuji, Matsumoto; Ayes with reservations: none; 0 Noes: none; and 3 Excused: Representative(s) Aquino, Ito, Tupola. | TAKUMI | EDN, FIN | SB3103 | SPCSC TESTIMONY- HB2739 Public School Student Travel Fund Program EDN 2-5-2016 |
| SB2136 | State budget. (\$) | RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET. | To adjust and request appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2015 17 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs. | | (S) 1/21/16 - Referred to WAM. | KOUCHI | WAM | N/A | |
| SB2231 | After-school Programs; Resources for Enrichment, Athletics, Culture, and Health Program; Office of Youth Services | RELATING TO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS. | Establishes the R.E.A.C.H (resources for enrichment, athletics, culture, and health) program in the office of youth services to provide a standardized framework and funding for after-school programs in public middle and intermediate schools. Authorizes participating schools to collect fees. | Keiki Caucus- Specifically includes charter schools in the definition of a middle school. | | CHUN OAKLAND, KIDANI, RUDERMAN, SHIMABUKURO, Galuteria, Keith-Agaran, Kim, L. Thielen | HMS/EDU, WAM | HB1789 | SPCSC TESTIMONY- SB2231 REACH EDU- HMS 2-5-2016 |
| SB2235 | Erin's Law Task Force; Education; Sexual Abuse Prevention; Appropriation (\$) | RELATING TO EDUCATION | Creates and appropriates funds for the Erin's Law task force to guide the establishment of a program to educate public school students on sexual abuse prevention through use of age appropriate curricula; provide relevant training to school teachers and staff; and inform parents about important child sexual abuse topics. | | (S) 2/3/2016 - The committee on EDU deferred the measure. | CHUN OAKLAND, RUDERMAN, Keith-Agaran, Kidani, Kim, L. Thielen | EDU, JDL/WAM | HB1787 | |

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| SB2243 | Home Schooling; Extracurricular Activities | RELATING TO EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. | Allows home schooled students to participate on an equal basis in extracurricular activities offered at the public school they would otherwise be required to attend. | | (H) 2/3/2016 - The committees on EDN recommend that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes were as follows: 10 Ayes: Representative(s) Takumi, Ohno, Choy, Ichiyama, Ing, Kong, Say, Tsuji, Matsumoto, Tupola; Ayes with reservations: none; Noes: none; and 2 Excused: Representative(s) Aquino, Ito. | KEITH-AGARAN, GABBARD, RUDERMAN, Dela Cruz, English, Kidani, Nishihara, Shimabukuro, Slom, Tokuda | EDU, WAM | HB2135 | |
| SB2431 | Public Charter Schools; Employment of Attorneys | RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF ATTORNEYS BY PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS. | Allows for an exemption to public charter schools and their governing boards from the statutory prohibition on retaining outside counsel. | | (S) 2/2/2016 - Re- Referred to EDU, WAM/JDL. | KEITH-AGARAN, Dela Cruz | EDU/JDL, WAM | HB2062 | |
| SB2571 | Weighted Student Formula; Exception; Remote Schools; Hana High and Elementary School | RELATING TO EDUCATION. | Requires remote schools to be allocated funds using categorical allotments, rather than through the weighted student formula. Defines a remote school as any public school that is a high school located at least a one-hour drive away from the next nearest high school or a high school located on the island of Lana'i, Moloka'i, or Ni'ihau. Specifies minimum number of teachers for Hana high and elementary school. | Charter schools excluded from the definition of a remote school. | (S) 1/27/16 - Referred to EDU, WAM | ENGLISH, CHUN OAKLAND, KEITH-AGARAN, Baker, Espero, Gabbard, Galuteria, Green, Ihara, Inouye, Nishihara, Riviere, Ruderman, Shimabukuro | EDU, WAM | HB2655 | |
| SB2573 | Weighted Student Formula; Remote Schools; Public Schools; Funding | RELATING TO EDUCATION. | Requires remote schools to be allocated funds using categorical allotments, rather than through the weighted student formula. Defines a remote school as any public school that is a high school located at least a one-hour drive away from the next nearest high school or a high school located on the island of Lanai, Molokai, or Ni'ihau. | Charter schools excluded from the definition of a remote school. | (S) 1/27/16 - Referred to EDU, WAM | ENGLISH, BAKER, CHUN OAKLAND, GREEN, KEITH-AGARAN, RUDERMAN, Espero, Gabbard, Galuteria, Ihara, Inouye, Kahele, Kidani, Kim, Nishihara, Riviere, Shimabukuro | EDU, WAM | HB2656 | |
| SB2586 | Schools Our Keiki Deserve Act; Education; Air Conditioning; Teachers; Testing; Evaluations; Supplies; Salaries; Class Size; General Excise Tax; Student Loan Subsidy Program; Special Fund; Appropriations (\$) | RELATING TO EDUCATION. | Requires the department of education to provide public school students with a whole child education curriculum, air conditioning in certain classrooms, and decrease class size. Requires sufficient allocation of special education teachers and provides special education teachers with additional preparation time and funding. Establishes the student loan subsidy program and special fund. Expands vocational, technical, and career pathway programs. Amends weighted student formula factors to be considered by the committee on weights. Limits participation in standardized tests, prohibits the use of standardized test scores for evaluation purposes, authorizes standardized testing exemptions, and requires the board of education to provide notice of the right to opt-out of standardized testing. Requires all eligible children to attend preschool by the 2020-2021 school year. Amends evaluation program for teachers and educational officers. Increases the general excise tax. Makes appropriations. | | (S) 2/10/2016 The committee(s) on EDU recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes in EDU were as follows: 3 Aye(s): Senator(s) Kidani, Chun Oakland; Aye(s) with reservations: Senator(s) Dela Cruz ; 1 No(es): Senator(s) Riviere; and 2 Excused: Senator(s) Harimoto, Slom. | KIDANI | EDU, WAM | N/A | SPCSC TESTIMONY- SB2586 Schools Our Keiki Deserve Act EDU 2-10-2016 |
| SB2606 SD1 | Technology in Schools; Digital Format; Appropriation (\$V) | RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY IN SCHOOLS. | Defines curricular materials to include both printed and digital material. Requires textbook manufacturers to make a digital format of the textbook available for use in public schools. Clarifies that moneys for curricular materials can be used for digital formats. Appropriates funds. | | (S) 2/8/2016 - Reported from EDU (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2056) with recommendation of passage on Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referral to WAM. | KIDANI, GALUTERIA, HARIMOTO, SHIMABUKURO, Nishihara | EDU, WAM | HB2267 | |
| SB2624 | Tax Credit; Education; Tax Credit for Certain Expenses of School Teachers | RELATING TO TAXATION. | Authorizes a state income tax credit for certain expenses paid or incurred by school teachers, special education teachers, school librarians, and counselors for supplementary materials used in the classroom. | Also included in SB 2586 | (S) 2/5/16 - The committee(s) on EDU recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes in EDU were as follows: 5 Aye(s): Senator(s) Kidani, Chun Oakland, Dela Cruz, Riviere, Slom; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 1 Excused: Senator(s) Harimoto. | KIDANI | | N/A | SPCSC TESTIMONY- SB2624 State Income Tax Credit for Teachers EDU 2-5-2016 |
| SB2780 | Charter Schools; Rules; Fees | RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS. | Authorizes the charter school commission to adopt interim rules. Establishes requirements for meeting minutes. Authorizes charter schools to assess fees and charges for co-curricular activities. | COMMISSION CLEAN-UP BILL | (S) 2/1/2016 - The committee(s) on EDU deferred the measure until 02-12-16 1:15PM in conference room 229. | KIDANI, CHUN OAKLAND, KEITH-AGARAN, SHIMABUKURO | EDU, WAM | HB2205 | SPCSC TESTIMONY- SB2780 Commission Clean-up Bill EDU 2-1-2016 |
| SB2781 | Charter Schools; Teacher Incentives; Teacher Bonuses; Appropriation (\$) | RELATING TO TEACHER INCENTIVES. | Clarifies that funds for bonuses required by statute or collective bargaining shall not be paid out of a charter school's facilities funding or per-pupil funds. Appropriates funds for teacher bonuses for hard-to-fill placement incentives and National Board certified teacher incentives for charter school teachers. | | (S) 2/03/16 - The committee(s) on EDU/JDL has scheduled a public hearing on 02-12-16 1:15PM in conference room 229. | KIDANI, SHIMABUKURO, Chun Oakland, Keith-Agaran | EDU/JDL, WAM | HB2524 | |
| SB2782 | Educational Assistant Certification Incentive Program; Alternate Teacher Route Contract; Appropriation (\$) | RELATING TO TEACHERS. | Creates an incentive program for current educational assistants in hard-to-fill schools to attain teacher licensure if they commit to teaching for three years in a hard-to-fill school. Appropriates funds for the program and alternate teacher route contracts. | | (S) 2/09/16 - The committee(s) on EDU/CPH has scheduled a public hearing on 02-12-16 12:30PM in conference room 229. | KIDANI, CHUN OAKLAND, KEITH-AGARAN, SHIMABUKURO | EDU/CPH, WAM | HB2525 | |
| SB2797 | State Public Charter School Commission; Start-up Grants; Pre-opening Public Charter Schools; Appropriation (\$) | RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS. | Appropriates \$200,000 for start-up grants for newly approved pre-opening public charter schools, and requires the state public charter school commission to establish guidelines and criteria for the grants. | | (S) 2/1/2016 - The committee(s) on EDU recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, UNAMENDED. The votes in EDU were as follows: 4 Aye(s): Senator(s) Kidani, Chun Oakland, Riviere, Slom; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 2 Excused: Senator(s) Harimoto, Dela Cruz. | DELA CRUZ | EDU, WAM | SB2977; HB2453 | SPCSC TESTIMONY- SB2797 Start-up Grants EDU 2-1-2016 |

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| SB2881 | Charter Schools; Workers' Compensation | RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS. | Requires charter schools to administer and pay charter schools workers' compensation claims, and secure necessary funding to support payment for charter schools workers' compensation liabilities under one of the several options allowed by the Hawaii workers' compensation law, including self-insurance. Effective July 1, 2016. | GOV Package | (S) 2/03/2016 - The committee(s) on EDU/JDL has scheduled a public hearing on 02-12-16 1:15PM in conference room 229. | KOUCHI | EDU/JDL, WAM | HB2352 | |
| SB2909 | After-school Programs; Resources for Enrichment, Athletics, Culture, and Health Program. | RELATING TO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS. | Establishes the R.E.A.C.H. (Resources for Enrichment, Athletics, Culture, and Health) program in the Office of Youth Services to provide a standardized framework and a funding mechanism for after-school programs in public middle schools. Requires the Office of Youth Services to report to the Legislature. | GOV Package | (S) 2/5/16 - The committees on EDU and HMS deferred the measure. | KOUCHI | HMS/EDU, WAM | HB2380 | |
| SB2977 | State Public Charter School Commission; New Charter Schools; Start-Up Grants; Appropriation (\$) | RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS. | Appropriates moneys for start-up grants for newly approved, pre-opening, public charter schools. | Companion measure- SB2797- heard and passed by EDU | (S) 1/29/2016 - Referred to EDU, WAM | KIDANI, SHIMABUKURO, Baker, Keith-Agaran, Wakai | | SB2797; HB2453 | |
| SB3103 | Student Travel; DOE; Appropriation (\$) | RELATING TO STUDENT TRAVEL. | Appropriates funds to support the DOE's student travel program. | | (S) 2/5/16 - The committee(s) on EDU recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes in EDU were as follows: 5 Aye(s): Senator(s) Kidani, Chun Oakland, Dela Cruz, Riviere, Slom; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 1 Excused: Senator(s) Harimoto. | KIDANI | EDU, WAM | HB2739 | SPCSC TESTIMONY - SB3103 Public School Student Travel Fund Program EDU 2-5-2016 |
| SB3104 | | RELATING TO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS. | Simplifies the process for an entity to become an authorizer (an entity that approves or denies applications to become a charter school). Establishes a shortened timeline for the release of charter school funds. Authorizes charter schools to retain attorneys for charter contract negotiation, charter revocation, and charter nonrenewal processes. | | (S) 2/03/16 - The committee(s) on EDU/JDL has scheduled a public hearing on 02-12-16 1:15PM in conference room 229. | KIDANI, INOUE, KEITH-AGARAN, English | EDU/JDL, WAM | HB2214 | |
| MONITORING | | | | | | | | | |
| HB1924 | State Facilities; School Safety; Security Officers; Retirees. | RELATING TO STATE FACILITIES SAFETY. | Allows reemployment of retired police officers, National Guard veterans, and other state and city public safety workers like firefighters to work as safety and security officers at state schools and buildings while continuing to collect retirement benefits. | This bill can be monitored. Includes charter schools as a possible employer. | (H) 1/25/16 - Introduced and Pass First Reading | FUKUMOTO CHANG, MATSUMOTO, POUHA, THIELEN | | | |
| HB2159 | Ethics Code; Exemptions; Teachers; Educational Trips | RELATING TO ETHICS. | Ethics Code; Exemptions; Teachers; Educational Trips | This bill can be monitored. Includes charter school teachers for the exemption. | (H) 1/25/16 - Introduced and Pass First Reading | SOUKI | | | |
| HB2505 | Education; Child Abuse and Neglect; Signs; Child Welfare Services; Department of Human Services | RELATING TO CHILD ABUSE. | Requires Department of Education schools and charter schools to post informational signs that include the Department of Human Services phone number for reporting abuse and neglect. | This bill can be monitored. Includes charter schools. | (H) 1/26/16 - Pending Introduction | MORIKAWA, BELATTI, ING, MIZUNO, OSHIRO, RHOADS | | | |
| HB2510 | Housing Vouchers; Classroom Teachers | RELATING TO HOUSING VOUCHERS. | Authorizes the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to establish a housing voucher program for full-time classroom teachers employed by the Department of Education, including classroom teachers at public charter schools. | This bill can be monitored. Includes charter school teachers. | (H) 1/26/16 - Pending Introduction | WOODSON, BROWER, CREAGAN, CULLEN, EVANS, HASHEM, ICHIYAMA, ING, KOBAYASHI, C. LEE, LOPRESTI, LOWEN, MIZUNO, MORIKAWA, NAKASHIMA, NISHIMOTO, OHNO, SAIKI, SAY, TAKAYAMA, TAKUMI, Belatti, Cachola, DeCoite, Rhoads, San Buenaventura | | | |
| HB2574 | Reporting of Pesticide Use; Large-scale Agricultural Operations | RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. | Requires reporting guidelines for large-scale, outdoor commercial agricultural operations across the State. Establishes disclosure and public notification requirements for outdoor application of pesticides in various environmentally sensitive areas. | This bill can be monitored. Includes charter schools in definition of a school. | (H) 1/26/16 - Pending Introduction | C. LEE, CULLEN, LOPRESTI, THIELEN | | SB3006 | |
| HB2583 | Department of Education; Weighted Student Formula; Superintendent's Reserve | RELATING TO EDUCATION. | Requires principals to consult with teachers and school community councils when expending moneys provided to their schools. Requires the weighted student formula to include a superintendent's reserve to address needs at unique and remote schools. Grants the DOE discretion in allocating superintendent's reserve funds to specific schools; provided that the committee on weights shall recommend the amount of the reserve and criteria for use of the reserve. | | (H) 2/5/2016 - Bill scheduled to be heard by EDN on Wednesday, 02-10-16 2:00PM in House conference room 309. | DECOITE, ICHIYAMA, ITO, MCKELVEY, NAKASHIMA, OHNO, POUHA, TSUJI, Ing, Keohokalole, Tokioka | | | |
| SB2386 | Education; Child Abuse and Neglect; Signs; Child Welfare Services; Department of Human Services | RELATING TO CHILD ABUSE. | Requires Department of Education schools and charter schools to post informational signs that include the Department of Human Services phone number for reporting abuse and neglect. | | (S) 2/05/16 - The committee(s) on EDU recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, UNAMENDED. The votes in EDU were as follows: 4 Aye(s): Senator(s) Kidani, Chun Oakland, Dela Cruz, Riviere; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 2 Excused: Senator(s) Harimoto, Slom. The committee(s) on HMS recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, UNAMENDED. The votes in HMS were as follows: 4 Aye(s): Senator(s) Chun Oakland, Riviere, L. Thielen, Slom; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 3 Excused: Senator(s) Green, Harimoto, Ruderman. | BAKER, ESPERO, KIDANI | EDU/HMS, WAM | HB2505 (Monitoring Section) | |

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| SB2475 | Environmental Protection; Pesticides; Buffer Zones; Penalties | RELATING TO PESTICIDES. | Establishes pesticide buffer zones for sensitive areas. Establishes penalties for violations. | This bill can be monitored. Includes charter schools in definition of a school. | (S) 1/27/16 - Referred to WLC/CPH, JDL/WAM. | GREEN, CHUN OAKLAND, RUDERMAN, SHIMABUKURO, Espero | WLC/CPH, JDL/WAM | SB3006; HB2574 | |
| SB2597 | Establishes maximum student enrollment per school class for various types of public school classrooms beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. Companion: | RELATING TO EDUCATION. | Class Size; Enrollment; Maximum; Department of Education | This bill can be monitored. This bill specifically excludes charter schools from this requirement. This provision also included in SB2586. | (S) The committee(s) on EDU deferred the measure until 02-12-16 1:15PM in conference room 229. | KIDANI, HARIMOTO, SHIMABUKURO, Dela Cruz, Galuteria, Nishihara | EDU, WAM | | |
| SB2742 | Agriculture; Pilot Program; Vegetative Buffer Zones | RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. | Establishes a pilot program that creates a vegetative buffer zone around five selected schools near a commercial agricultural production area. | This bill can be monitored. Includes charters in definition; bill designates 5 unspecified schools for the pilot program. | (S) 1/27/2016 - Introduced | GREEN, CHUN OAKLAND, SHIMABUKURO, Ruderman | | | |
| SB2872 | Requirements for Child Care Providers | RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS. | Brings state law into alignment with changes to federal law regarding the Child Care and Development Block Grant, Public Law 113-186. Requires the Department of Human Services to establish minimum health and safety requirements for child care providers, including applicants, household members, employees, and prospective employees of licensed and registered child care homes and facilities, as well as persons exempt pursuant to section 346-152, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to be eligible to provide care to a child whose family receives a child care subsidy from the Department | GOV Package- This bill can be monitored. Includes charter schools as an employer that must get employee background checks; no direct change to charter school mention. | (S) 1/27/2016 - Introduced | KOUCHI | | HB2343 | |
| SB3006 | Reporting of Pesticide Use; Large-scale Agricultural Operations | RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. | Requires reporting guidelines for large-scale, outdoor commercial agricultural operations across the State. Establishes disclosure and public notification requirements for outdoor application of pesticides in various environmentally sensitive areas. | This bill can be monitored. Includes charter schools in definition of a school. | (S) 1/27/16 - Introduced | GREEN, SHIMABUKURO, Gabbard | | SB2475; HB2574 | |