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# 'Aha Kula Ho'āmana

Hawai'i State Public Charter School  
Commission

## **"Ed Talk Story" @ BOE**

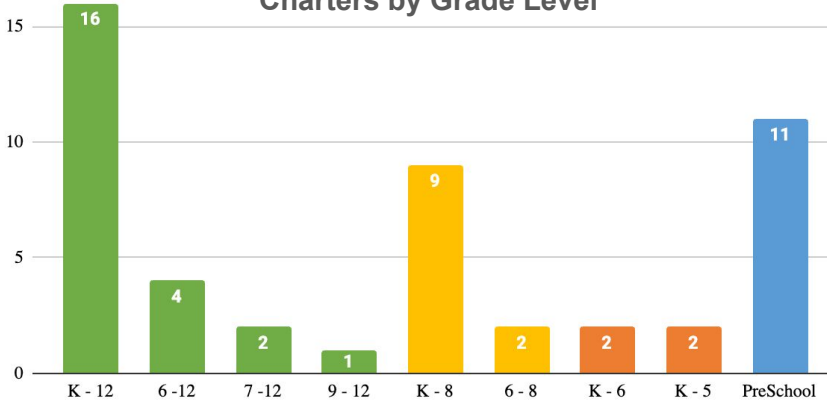
State Public Charter School  
Commission regarding Commission  
Initiatives and Charter School Updates

**Makalapua Alencastre, Ed.D., Chair**  
**Ed H. Noh, Ed.D., Executive Director**

# CHARTERS-AT-A-GLANCE

| Island               | # of Charters |
|----------------------|---------------|
| O'ahu                | 17            |
| Hawai'i              | 14            |
| Kaua'i               | 5             |
| Maui                 | 1             |
| Moloka'i             | 1             |
| <b>Current Total</b> | <b>38</b>     |

Charters by Grade Level

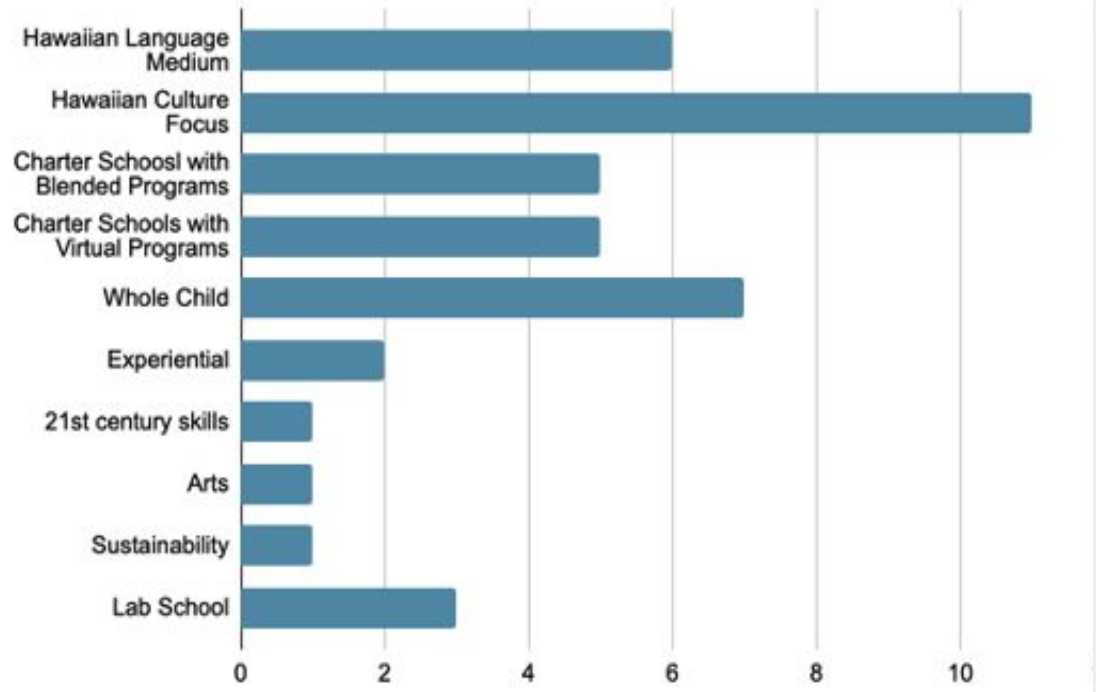


Source: 2023 - 24 SPCSC Annual Report

|  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <p><b>38</b></p> <p>Number of charter schools in operation</p>   |      | <p><b>13,070</b></p> <p>Number of students enrolled</p>                                       |
| <p><b>17</b></p> <p>Number of Hawaiian focused Charter Schools, 6 of which are Hawaiian language charter schools</p> |     |            |
|                                   | <p><b>11</b></p> <p>Number of charter schools with an Early Learning Program (ELP)</p> | <p><b>100%</b></p> <p>of charter schools on contract 4.0 have Mission Aligned Initiatives</p> |

# CHARTERS-AT-A-GLANCE (Cont.)

## Educational Models & Diverse Learning Options



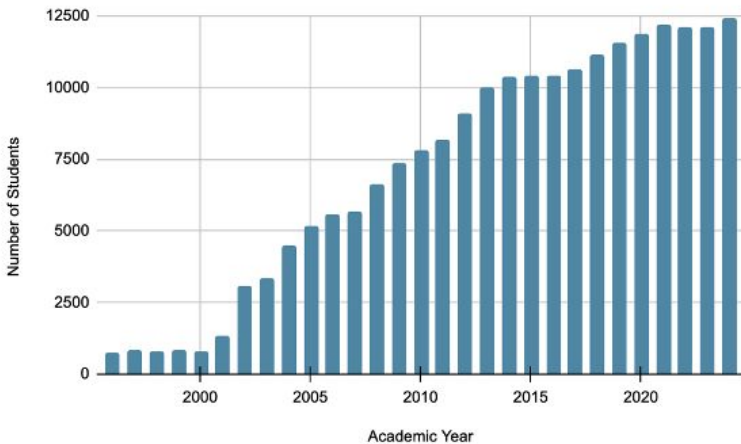
## Demographics



**SY 2023-2024**

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Native Hawaiians           | 37% |
| White                      | 34% |
| Asian (Excluding Filipino) | 10% |
| Filipino                   | 7%  |
| Pacific Islander           | 4%  |
| Black                      | 2%  |
| Hispanic                   | 2%  |
| Other                      | 4%  |

## Enrollment Trends



Source: 2023 - 24 SPCSC Annual Report

# Commission Initiatives: Legislative Priorities\*

## **Adequacy and Equality of Funding Model for Charter Schools**

- EDN 600 distributes funds to all schools on a per pupil basis.
- SPCSC is seeking a funding mechanism that allows to direct funding to specific teachers at specific schools for:
  - Collective Bargaining
  - Teacher Differentials

## **Hawai'i Keiki: Healthy & Ready to Learn Program Expansion**

- Currently, only 10/38 charter schools are being served by Hawai'i Keiki nurses.
- SPCSC is seeking an additional ~\$1M to expand services to more students.

\*Approved at Commission Meeting (9/12/24)



# Commission Initiatives: Strategic Plan (2025 - 2030)



## Process

- Began revision in June 2024
- Received support from The Comprehensive Ctr (Region 19) who helped with the current strategic plan
- Designed a review process of existing strategic plan
- Revisited:
  - Mission & Vision
  - Values
  - Goals
  - Strategies & Milestones

# ‘Aha Kula Ho‘āmana

Hawai‘i State Public Charter School Commission



‘**Aha** means “commission.” ‘**Aha** also refers to courage.

**Kula** is the Hawaiian way of saying “school.” **Kula** also means “uplands.” We are trying to take education in Hawai‘i to a higher level.

**Ho‘āmana** – the literal translation means “to authorize.” The other meaning is “to empower.”

It is our intent to empower our communities to create schools of excellence.

~ **Dr. Peter Hanohano**



**Honoring Our Past...**



**Informing Our Present...**



**Navigating Our Future...**

# Charter School Updates

November 2024 Edition



## Ka 'Elele

The e-Monthly Newsletter of the  
Hawai'i State Public Charter School Commission  
'Aha Kula Hō'amana

<https://www.chartercommission.hawaii.gov/monthly-e-newsletters>

## Highlights

- Charter School Enrollment Trending Upward for Third Consecutive Year
  - 13,070 Students (2024 - 25)
  - 12,427 Students (2023 - 24)
  - 12,116 Students (2022 - 23)
  - Pre-K growth is also up 10%
- Four Charters in Top Ten Best Public High Schools in HI (Niche Report, '24)
  - #2** University Lab School
  - #5** Hawai'i Technology Academy
  - #8** Myron B. Thompson
  - #9** West Hawai'i Explorations Academy

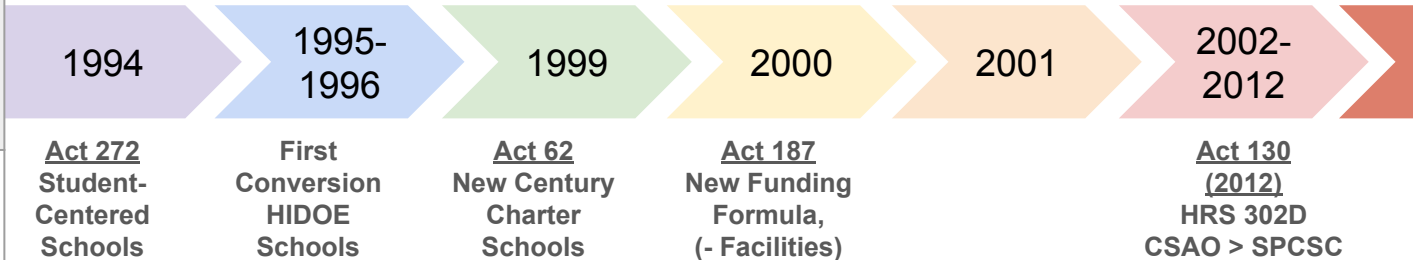


# Charter School Updates



## Charter Law Passed by State

| Year | States   |
|------|--|
| 1991 | Minnesota  |
| 1992 | California   |
| 1993 | Colorado<br>Massachusetts<br>Michigan<br>New Mexico<br>Wisconsin |
| 1994 | Arizona<br>Hawaii<br>Kansas                                      |
| 1995 | Alaska<br>+ 7 States   |



- Connections
- Hālau Kū Māna
- Kanu o ka 'Āina
- Nā Wai Ola
- Voyager
- WHEA
- Hakipu'u
- HAAS
- Innovations
- Ka 'Umeke
- Ka Waihona
- Kanuikapono
- Ke Ana
- Nāwahī
- Kamakau
- Kihei
- Kua o ka Lā
- KANAKA
- MB Thompson
- University Lab
- Volcano



## Introducing Two New Charter Schools in 2025!



### Parkway Village PreSchool

- First PreK Only Charter School
- Four Classrooms
- 80 Students (Projected)
- Kapolei, O'ahu

**Opening January 2025**



### Namahana School (7th - 12th)

- First Public Charter Middle & High School on the North Shore of Kaua'i
- Starting with Grades 7 - 8
- 120 Students (Projected)
- Kīlauea, Kaua'i

**Opening Fall 2025**

# Charter School Updates



## Charter Application Information

### K - 12 Application Timeline

- 8/8/24 Application Cycle Approved
- 9/4/24 Applicant Orientation
- **11/15/24 Applications Due**
- Dec '24 Evaluation Begins
- Jan '25 Interviews
- Feb '25 Public Hearing
- Apr '25 Deliberation
- May '25 Notification

**Pre-Opening Assurance Phase (1 - 2 yrs)**

### PreSchool Application Timeline

- 11/14/24 Application Cycle Approved
- 11/25/24 Applicant Orientation
- **1/20/25 Applications Due**
- Feb '25 Evaluation Begins
- Interviews
- Public Hearing
- Apr '25 Deliberation
- May '25 Notification

**9 PreSchool Classrooms**

**Targeted Opening: Fall 2025**

**Evaluators Needed!**



## Resources:

### [State Public Charter School Commission](#)

- Ka 'Elele Newsletter
- Annual Report
- Applications

### [The National Charter Schools Founders Library](#)

### [2025 Niche High School Report](#)

## Commissioners:

1. Dr. Makalapua Alencastre, **Chair**
2. Alex Harris, **Vice Chair**
3. Dr. Brandon K. Bunag
4. Dr. Donna Camvel
5. Kama Hopkins
6. Dr. Cathy K. Ikeda
7. Matthew Kodama
8. Carl Takamura
9. Dr. Lehua Veincent

## Commission Meetings:

- 2nd Thursdays each Month
- In-Person/Virtual
- 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1100