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FOR: HB 1744 Relating to Public School Facilities  
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COMMITTEE(S): House Committee on Education  
ROOM: Conference Room 309  
FROM: Tom Hutton, Executive Director  
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**Testimony in support HB 1744**

Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ohno, and members of the Committee:

The Commission appreciates this opportunity to testify in support of this proposal, which would help ensure that Hawaii’s public charter school students have better access to athletic facilities. We are grateful to Representatives Evans, Creagan, Lowen, Nakashima, Tsuji, and San Buenaventura for their sponsorship of the bill.

We anticipate that the Department of Education (DOE) may have some practical concerns with implementing the bill, and we hope that solutions can be found for any such concerns. We encourage the Committee to consider this proposal as recognizing another of the problems associated with the continued lack of state assistance for charter facilities needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.