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House Committee on Education
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Comments on HB1789

Chairs Morikawa and Takumi, Vice Chairs Kobayashi and Ohno, and members of the Committees:

The State Public Charter School Commission appreciates the opportunity to submit these comments regarding House Bill 1787, "Relating to Education." It appears that this proposal is intended to apply specifically to the Department of Education (DOE) schools, but when proposed legislation addresses "public schools," this generally is understood to include public charter schools. We note that the bill establishes a task force that does not include representation from the charter school sector. If the proposed requirements are intended to apply DOE schools only, we respectfully request that the bill be amended to change the references to "public schools" to say "department schools."

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.