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**SUBJECT:** 2017-2018 Annual Report to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board on Teacher Licensure in Charter Schools

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Pursuant to Section 302A-804, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), as amended by Act 39, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, the State Public Charter School Commission (“Commission”) submits this annual report to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB). Section 302A-804, HRS, requires the Commission to:

1. Report data annually to HTSB about the supply of, and demand for, teachers in charter schools, including the identification of shortage areas, out-of-field teaching assignments, numbers of teachers teaching out-of-field, numbers and types of courses and classes taught by out-of-field teachers, and numbers and types of students taught by out-of-field teachers;
2. Submit an annual report to HTSB documenting:
  - a. The number of emergency hires in charter schools by subject matter areas and by school;
  - b. The reasons and duration of employment for the emergency hiring enumerated in subparagraph (a); and
  - c. Individual progress toward licensing; and
3. Providing any other information requested by HTSB that is pertinent to the Commission’s powers and duties.

## **1. Background**

State laws regarding teacher licensure, codified in Chapter 302A-801 through Chapter 302A-808, HRS, require that teachers must be licensed in order to be employed in a Hawaii public school. This requirement applies to all teachers, regardless of grade or subject taught. In 2002, the Legislature

placed with HTSB the responsibility for setting the licensing standards for Hawaii public school teachers that detail the qualifications needed to teach in Hawaii public schools. In 2014 Session, the Legislature passed Act 39, which clarified licensing and reporting requirements for both the charter schools and the Commission. The Commission has issued three annual reports to HTSB and these reports are available on the Commission's website [here](#).<sup>1</sup>

Public charter schools also are subject to provisions of the Commission's Public Charter School Contract, Section 12.3 of which addresses teacher licensure as follows:

Teacher Credentials. Pursuant to Section 302A-804, HRS, the School shall hire licensed teachers that meet the applicable State licensing requirements consistent with federal law and requirements, State law, and collective bargaining agreements, as such requirements may be amended.

In order to determine charter schools' compliance with teacher licensure requirements and fulfill this year's reporting requirements, the Commission required each charter school to submit teacher licensure information about its faculty members by September 8, 2017. All charter schools provided the requested information, including the two new charter schools that opened this school year, Kamalani Academy and the Kapolei Charter School by Goodwill Hawaii.

## **2. Licensed and Emergency Hire Teacher Counts**

Based on the information collected by the Commission and shown in **Table A** (arranged from highest to lowest percentage of licensed teachers), 91%, or 706 out of 779<sup>2</sup> total teachers in the charter school system, are licensed with HTSB. This is a 3% increase in the number of licensed teachers since the 2016 report, and shows an increase in the number of licensed charter school teachers for three consecutive years. It is also worth noting that the increase in the percentage of licensed teachers coincides with an increase of 73 more teachers in charter schools.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.chartercommission.hawaii.gov/reports>

<sup>2</sup> The total number of licensed teachers and teachers with emergency hire permits in the charter school system for the 2017-2018 school year is 779, based on schools' self-reported data.

<b>Table A: Licensed and Emergency Hire Teachers in Hawaii Public Charter Schools (As of September 2017)</b>				
<b>School Name</b>	<b>Total # of Teachers</b>	<b># of Licensed Teachers</b>	<b># of Teachers with Emergency Hire Permits</b>	<b>Percentage of Teachers Licensed</b>
Hakipu'u Learning Center	4	4	0	<b>100%</b>
Hawaii Academy of Arts and Science	42	42	0	<b>100%</b>
Hawaii Technology Academy	68	68	0	<b>100%</b>
Ka'ōhao School	22	22	0	<b>100%</b>
Ke Kula 'o Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u Iki, LPCS	32	32	0	<b>100%</b>
Ke Kula Ni'ihau O Kekaha	3	3	0	<b>100%</b>
Kula Aupuni Niihau A Kahelelani Aloha (KANAKA) A New Century Public Charter School (PCS)	5	5	0	<b>100%</b>
Malama Honua Public Charter School	5	5	0	<b>100%</b>
Myron B. Thompson Academy	24	24	0	<b>100%</b>
Waimea Middle Public Conversion Charter School	22	22	0	<b>100%</b>
University Laboratory School	36	35	1	<b>97%</b>
Waialae Elementary Public Charter School	35	34	1	<b>97%</b>
Ka Waihona o ka Na'auao Public Charter School	47	45	2	<b>96%</b>
Kanu o ka 'Āina New Century Public Charter School	20	19	1	<b>95%</b>
Voyager Public Charter School	20	19	1	<b>95%</b>
Kamalani Academy	16	15	1	<b>94%</b>
Volcano School of Arts and Sciences	15	14	1	<b>93%</b>
Innovations Public Charter School	14	13	1	<b>93%</b>
Kualapu'u School: A Public Conversion Charter	27	25	2	<b>93%</b>
Kona Pacific Public Charter School	11	10	1	<b>91%</b>
Ke Kula 'o Samuel M. Kamakau, LPCS	10	9	1	<b>90%</b>
Na Wai Ola (Waters Of Life) Public Charter School	10	9	1	<b>90%</b>

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West Hawaii Explorations Academy	18	16	2	<b>89%</b>
Kamaile Academy Public Charter School	77	67	10	<b>87%</b>
Halau Ku Mana	15	13	2	<b>87%</b>
Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo	22	19	3	<b>86%</b>
Connections PCS	26	22	4	<b>85%</b>
Kanuikapono Charter School	12	10	2	<b>83%</b>
Kapolei Charter School by Goodwill Hawaii	5	4	1	<b>80%</b>
Laupahoehoe Community Public Charter School	25	19	6	<b>76%</b>
Kawaikini New Century Public Charter School	12	9	3	<b>75%</b>
SEEQS: The School for Examining Essential Questions of Sustainability	16	12	4	<b>75%</b>
Kua o ka Lā New Century Public Charter School	20	14	6	<b>70%</b>
Ke Ana La'ahana PCS	6	4	2	<b>67%</b>
Kihei Public Charter School	33 <sup>3</sup>	21	11	<b>64%</b>
Ka'u Learning Academy	4	2	2	<b>50%</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>91%</b>

In ten of Hawaii's 36 charter schools, all teachers are licensed. The ten schools are:

1. Hakipu'u Learning Center;
2. Hawaii Academy of Arts and Science;
3. Hawaii Technology Academy;
4. Ka'ōhao School;
5. Ke Kula Niihau O Kekaha Learning Center;
6. Ke Kula 'o Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u Iki, LPCS;
7. Kula Aupuni Niihau A Kahelelani Aloha (KANAKA) A New Century Public Charter School;
8. Mālama Honua Learning Center;
9. Myron B. Thompson Academy; and

<sup>3</sup> The number of teachers who do not hold an emergency hire permit and do not hold a teaching license for the 2017-2018 school year is one. The Charter School Commission is working with HTSB to address this.

## 10. Waimea Middle Public Conversion Charter School

The remaining 26 charter schools employ a total of 72 teachers who hold the required Emergency Hire Permits.

### 3. Emergency Hire Information

An “emergency hire” is a teacher with a limited duty permit rather than a teaching license. The permit allows a teacher to provide instruction as an emergency hire and must be renewed annually. For school year 2017-2018, 72 teachers in the charter school system have emergency hire permits, representing a decrease of 18% from the previous year.

Based on the data gathered, no one teaching field category stands out in which charter schools are particularly likely to employ an emergency hire; emergency hire teachers appear to teach in core and non-core teaching field categories. The number of emergency hire teachers teaching in core field categories (such as Mathematics, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies) to non-core categories (including Health and Physical Education, Fine Arts, Special Education, etc.) doesn’t appear to indicate a pattern of practice.

### 4. Out-of-Field Teaching

HTSB defines “out-of-field teaching” as a situation in which a licensed teacher teaches a course or subject area in which the teacher is not licensed. According to the information provided by the charter schools, 149 teachers, or approximately 21% of the total number of licensed teachers in charter schools, are teaching out-of-field. Nine of the 36 charter schools had 10% or fewer of their licensed teachers teaching out-of-field, including six schools that had no out-of-field teachers. In the 27 charter schools in which more than 10% of licensed teachers were teaching out of field, the actual number of out-of-field teachers ranged from one up to 18.

The reported information shows a wide range of results and an evaluation of the data is needed to add perspective to these results. For example, while the percentage of teachers teaching out-of-field in some charter schools appears to be high, this information must be balanced against the total number of teachers employed at the school. In one school, the one teacher teaching out of field is one of only three teachers, while another school with eighteen out-of-field teachers employs a total of 67 licensed teachers. Noting the small size of some schools highlights the unique situations that face charter schools in Hawaii.

**Table B** (arranged from lowest to highest percentage of licensed teachers teaching out of field) provides the number of teachers, listed by each charter school, that is teaching out-of-field and the HTSB teaching field category in which they are teaching.

Table B: Out-of-Field and Subjects Taught by Charter School Teachers (As of September 2017)					
School Name	# of Licensed Teachers	# of Licensed Teachers Teaching Out-of- Field	Percentage of Licensed Teachers Teaching Out-of- Field	Core Teaching Field Categories Taught by Teachers Teaching Out- of-field	Non-Core Teaching Field Categories Taught by Teachers Teaching Out-of-field
Hakipu'u Learning Center	4	0	0%		
Ka'u Learning Academy	2	0	0%		
Ke Kula 'o Nāwahīokalani' ōpu'u Iki, LPCS	32	0	0%		
Mālama Honua Public Charter School	5	0	0%		
University Laboratory School	35	0	0%		
Volcano School of Arts and Sciences	14	0	0%		
Myron B. Thompson Academy	24	1	4%	Mathematics	
Ka'ōhao School	22	2	9%	Early Childhood/Elementary	
Hawaii Technology Academy	68	7	10%	Early Childhood/Elementary, Language Arts	Health and Physical Education, Fine Arts, Career and Technical Education
Kanu o ka 'Āina New Century Public Charter School	19	2	11%	Mathematics	Health and Physical Education
Waialae Elementary Public Charter School	34	4	12%	Language Arts	Hawaiian, Health and Physical Education, Other
Kamalani Academy	15	2	13%	Science	Hawaiian

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Laupahoehoe Community Public Charter School	19	3	16%	Social Studies	Other
Voyager Public Charter School	19	3	16%	Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies	Health and Physical Education
Waimea Middle Public Conversion Charter School	22	4	18%	Language Arts, Science	Other
Kula Aupuni Niihau A Kahelelani Aloha (KANAKA) A New Century Public Charter School (PCS)	5	1	20%	Early Childhood/Elementary	
Kona Pacific Public Charter School	10	2	20%	Language Arts	Health and Physical Education
Kualapu'u School: A Public Conversion Charter	25	5	20%	Language Arts	Hawaiian
Kawaikini New Century Public Charter School	9	2	22%	Early Childhood/Elementary	Special Education
Ke Kula 'o Samuel M. Kamakau, LPCS	9	2	22%	Social Studies	
Na Wai Ola Public Charter School	9	2	22%	Early Childhood/Elementary	

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Innovations Public Charter School	13	3	<b>23%</b>	Early Childhood/Elementary	Health and Physical Education, Fine Arts
Ka Waihona o ka Na‘auao Public Charter School	45	12	<b>27%</b>	Mathematics, Early Childhood/Elementary	Fine Arts, Hawaiian, Other
Kamaile Academy Public Charter School	67	18	<b>27%</b>	Social Studies, Early Childhood/Elementary	Other
Connections PCS	22	6	<b>27%</b>	Mathematics, Social Studies	Special Education, Health and Physical Education, World Languages, Fine Arts, Career and Technical Education
Kanuikapono Charter School	10	3	<b>30%</b>	Mathematics, Social Studies	Special Education, Hawaiian
Halau Ku Mana	13	4	<b>31%</b>	Social Studies, Language Arts	Hawaiian
Hawaii Academy of Arts and Science	42	13	<b>31%</b>	Early Childhood/Elementary	Counseling, Fine Arts, World Languages, Health and Physical Education, Career and Technical Education
Ka ‘Umeke Kā‘eo	19	6	<b>32%</b>		Hawaiian
Ke Kula Ni‘ihau O Kekaha	3	1	<b>33%</b>	Mathematics	
SEEQS: The School for Examining Essential Questions of Sustainability	12	5	<b>42%</b>	Mathematics, Science, Social Studies	Other



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West Hawaii Explorations Academy	16	9	56%	Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts	
Kua o ka Lā New Century Public Charter School	14	8	57%	Early Childhood/Elementary, Language Arts, Mathematics	Health and Physical Education, Special Education, Other
Kihei Public Charter School	21	13	62%	Mathematics, Social Studies	Career and Technical Education, Health and Physical Education, Fine Arts, Hawaiian, Other
Kapolei Charter School by Goodwill Hawaii	4	3	75%	Social Studies, Language Arts	Special Education
Ke Ana La'ahana PCS	4	3	75%	Mathematics, Language Arts, Social Studies	Health and Physical Education, Career and Technical Education
<b>Totals</b>	706	149	21%		

#### a. Teacher Shortage Areas in Charter Schools

The Commission reviewed the Teaching Field Categories in which out-of-field licensed teachers are teaching and noted there doesn't appear to be a pattern of practice. There are 18 schools that reported more than 20% of the licensed teachers were teaching out of field, of which thirteen had out-of-field teachers teaching middle school and/or high school core classes (Mathematics, Language Arts, Science, and/or Social Studies). At the elementary level, seven of these 18 schools had elementary grades taught by an out-of-field teacher. Out-of-field teaching also occurs in other Teaching Field Categories including Fine Arts, Health and Physical Education, World Languages, Career and Technical Education, Hawaiian, and Special Education.

The Commission emphasizes that these charter schools are in compliance with teacher licensure requirements according to HTSB. The Commission encourages charter schools and charter

school teachers to contact HTSB to determine whether these out-of-field teachers may be eligible to receive a license in the out-of-field subjects they are teaching.

Hawaii's teacher shortage is reported annually in the news, like the April 23, 2017 Island News online article "Addressing Hawaii's teacher shortage", making the shortage in our state a common known fact. Charter schools, like the Department of Education, have had to meet the shortage areas by filling vacancies using emergency hire teachers and by assigning teachers to out-of-field assignments. As retaining and recruiting teachers continues to be a challenge for public schools, the Commission is available to work with charter schools and HTSB on any efforts to address this pressing issue.

#### **b. Number and Types of Students Taught by Out-of-field Teachers**

Although the Commission's annual report to HTSB is required to report on the number and types of students taught by out-of-field teachers, the Commission does not collect this type of classroom-level information at this time. To address this area, the Commission is providing HTSB enrollment and demographic information, such as student-teacher ratios and enrollment of disadvantaged students in each of the charter schools, which will provide some context and shed light on this question.

Total charter school enrollment in Hawaii for the 2017-2018 school year is 11,343 students,<sup>4</sup> an increase of 551 students since last year. This evidences a steady growth trend every year for the past three years. Enrollment in the schools ranges in size from as few as 40 students to as many as 1,100. Fourteen schools out of 36 exceed the average Hawaii charter school enrollment of 315 students, while six schools serve fewer than 100 students. The charter sector-wide ratio of students to teachers is 15:1, unchanged from 2016. **Table C** (arranged according to the lowest to highest ratio) provides the number of students and teachers, and the ratios in each charter school.

<b>Table C: Students to Teacher Ratio (As of Fall of 2018)</b>			
<b>School Name</b>	<b>Total # of Students</b>	<b>Total # of Teachers</b>	<b>Ratio of Students to Teachers</b>
Ke Ana La'ahana PCS	40	6	<b>7:1</b>
Kapolei Charter School by Goodwill Hawaii	47	5	<b>10:1</b>
Halau Ku Mana	140	15	<b>10:1</b>
Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo	206	22	<b>10:1</b>
Kua o ka Lā New Century Public Charter School	207	20	<b>11:1</b>

<sup>4</sup> This figure is based on enrollment counts for each individual charter school as of October 15, 2017. Each year, the October 15 enrollment count for each charter school is used to determine its per-pupil funding allocation for that school year. This enrollment count is different from the Official Enrollment Count taken by the Hawaii Department of Education each August and published in its annual Official Enrollment Count Report.

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School Name	Total # of Students	Total # of Teachers	Ratio of Students to Teachers
Kula Aupuni Niihau A Kahelelani Aloha (KANAKA) A New Century Public Charter School (PCS)	57	5	<b>12:1</b>
Kawaikini New Century Public Charter School	141	12	<b>12:1</b>
SEEQS: The School for Examining Essential Questions of Sustainability	181	16	<b>12:1</b>
Waimea Middle Public Conversion Charter School	253	22	<b>12:1</b>
Kualapu'u School: A Public Conversion Charter	319	27	<b>12:1</b>
Kamaile Academy Public Charter School	884	77	<b>12:1</b>
Volcano School of Arts and Sciences	195	15	<b>13:1</b>
Laupahoehoe Community Public Charter School	319	25	<b>13:1</b>
University Laboratory School	437	36	<b>13:1</b>
Ke Kula 'o Samuel M. Kamakau, LPCS	131	10	<b>14:1</b>
Connections PCS	363	26	<b>14:1</b>
Ke Kula 'o Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u Iki, LPCS	426	32	<b>14:1</b>
Ka Waihona o ka Na'auao Public Charter School	651	47	<b>14:1</b>
West Hawaii Explorations Academy	264	18	<b>15:1</b>
Voyager Public Charter School	294	20	<b>15:1</b>
Waialae Elementary Public Charter School	517	35	<b>15:1</b>
Hakipu'u Learning Center	62	4	<b>16:1</b>
Ka'ōhao School	338	22	<b>16:1</b>
Ke Kula Ni'ihau O Kekaha	50	3	<b>17:1</b>
Na Wai Ola Public Charter School	161	10	<b>17:1</b>
Kanuikapono Charter School	197	12	<b>17:1</b>
Kihei Public Charter School	535	33	<b>17:1</b>

Table C: Students to Teacher Ratio (As of Fall of 2018)			
School Name	Total # of Students	Total # of Teachers	Ratio of Students to Teachers
Hawaii Academy of Arts and Science	677	42	<b>17:1</b>
Hawaii Technology Academy	1100	68	<b>17:1</b>
Innovations Public Charter School	240	14	<b>18:1</b>
Kamalani Academy	299	16	<b>19:1</b>
Malama Honua Public Charter School	102	5	<b>21:1</b>
Kona Pacific Public Charter School	226	11	<b>21:1</b>
Myron B. Thompson Academy	561	24	<b>24:1</b>
Ka'u Learning Academy	98	4	<b>25:1</b>
Kanu o ka 'Āina New Century Public Charter School	625	20	<b>32:1</b>
<b>Totals</b>	11,343	779	15:1

## 5. High Needs Populations

The Commission presents information on the three student groups considered “high needs” populations by the Hawaii Department of Education. For each school, we identify the numbers and percentages of students: 1) who are eligible for free and reduced priced lunch (an indicator of economic disadvantage); 2) who receive special education services; and 3) who are English Language Learners (ELL).

### a. Free and Reduced Priced Lunch Eligibility

Regarding Title I eligibility data, or free and reduced priced lunch, the numbers in **Table D** are based on the Title I counts for the 2018-2019 school year, which were taken in September 2017. Eligibility for the school year is determined in the previous school year. Schools report their numbers at the beginning of the school year, and those numbers are used for the following school year; there is a one-year lag (the count date for school year 2018-2019 was September 19th, 2017.)<sup>5</sup> In addition, you will notice the “Total Number of Students” reported in this table is different than the student counts in the other tables of this report, since the Title I count date differs from the charter schools’ October 15, 2017 enrollment count used to determine per pupil funding that all other table numbers are based on.

<sup>5</sup> Because student enrollment numbers fluctuate, a school’s percentage and eligibility for free and reduced price lunch can change throughout the year.

Overall, 48% of the children in Hawaii charter schools are eligible for free and reduced price lunch. In 20 of the charter schools more than half of the students are eligible for free or reduced price lunch. Of these schools, eleven serve populations in which more than 75% of students are eligible, and six schools serve populations in which more than 90% are eligible. Since the last report, although the percentage of the students eligible for free and reduced price lunch has dropped overall, the number of schools serving the highest populations (75% or more) has increased by one.

**Table D** (arranged from the highest to lowest percentage) provides the demographic information on the number of charter school students eligible for free and reduced lunch.

<b>Table D: Free and Reduced Priced Lunch Students in Charter Schools</b>			
<b>School Name</b>	<b>Total # of Students</b>	<b># of FRL Students</b>	<b>Percentage of FRL Students</b>
Kua o ka Lā New Century Public Charter School	200	200	<b>100.00%</b>
Na Wai Ola Public Charter School	162	162	<b>100.00%</b>
Ka'u Learning Academy	79	77	<b>97.47%</b>
Kamaile Academy Public Charter School	858	826	<b>96.27%</b>
Ke Ana La'ahana PCS	43	40	<b>93.02%</b>
Kula Aupuni Niihau A Kahelelani Aloha (KANAKA) A New Century Public Charter School (PCS)	49	45	<b>91.84%</b>
Connections PCS	363	315	<b>86.78%</b>
Kualapu'u School: A Public Conversion Charter	325	269	<b>82.77%</b>
Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo	205	165	<b>80.49%</b>
Laupahoehoe Community Public Charter School	305	235	<b>77.05%</b>
Hawaii Academy of Arts and Science	644	493	<b>76.55%</b>
Hakipu'u Learning Center	63	44	<b>69.84%</b>
Ke Kula Ni'ihau O Kekaha	54	37	<b>68.52%</b>
Ka Waihona o ka Na'auao Public Charter School	653	387	<b>59.26%</b>
Innovations Public Charter School	239	134	<b>56.07%</b>
Volcano School of Arts and Sciences	190	106	<b>55.79%</b>

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<b>School Name</b>	<b>Total # of Students</b>	<b># of FRL Students</b>	<b>Percentage of FRL Students</b>
Kanu o ka 'Āina New Century Public Charter School	559	306	<b>54.74%</b>
Kona Pacific Public Charter School	216	117	<b>54.17%</b>
Kawaikini New Century Public Charter School	147	77	<b>52.38%</b>
Kanuikapono Charter School	194	98	<b>50.52%</b>
Ke Kula 'o Samuel M. Kamakau, LPCS	133	60	<b>45.11%</b>
Waimea Middle Public Conversion Charter School	258	107	<b>41.47%</b>
Mālama Honua Public Charter School	103	42	<b>40.78%</b>
Ke Kula 'o Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u Iki, LPCS	426	167	<b>39.20%</b>
West Hawaii Explorations Academy	252	80	<b>31.75%</b>
SEEQS: The School for Examining Essential Questions of Sustainability	177	56	<b>31.64%</b>
Kihei Public Charter School	520	144	<b>27.69%</b>
Kapolei Charter School by Goodwill Hawaii	49	13	<b>26.53%</b>
Hawaii Technology Academy	1111	282	<b>25.38%</b>
Halau Ku Mana	142	29	<b>20.42%</b>
Kamalani Academy	286	49	<b>17.13%</b>
Voyager Public Charter School	294	43	<b>14.63%</b>
Myron B. Thompson Academy	582	79	<b>13.57%</b>
University Laboratory School	437	54	<b>12.36%</b>
Waialae Elementary Public Charter School	515	46	<b>8.93%</b>
Ka'ōhao School	327	19	<b>5.81%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,160</b>	<b>5,403</b>	<b>48.41%</b>

## b. Special Education Services

Eight percent of charter school students (891 out of 11,343 students) receive special education services, which is close to the state average of about 10%.<sup>6</sup> Eleven charter schools serve special education populations above the state average of ten percent of enrollment, with five schools at 15% or higher, and one school at 38%.

## c. English Language Learners (ELL)

The total charter school ELL population is about three percent of the overall charter school enrollment (233 of 11,343 students), slightly higher than last year. Four charter schools exceed the statewide percentage of ELL students of approximately six percent.<sup>7</sup> One of these schools, which provides a bilingual program of the Niihau and English languages, is significantly above the state percentage.

**Table E** below provides the special education and ELL demographic enrollment information from each of the charter schools.

Table E: Special Education and English Language Learner Student Population in Charter Schools					
School Name	Total # of Students	# of Special Education Students	% of Special Education Students	# of ELL Students	% of ELL Students
Connections PCS	363	60	17%	12	4%
Hakipu'u Learning Center	62	16	26%	0	0%
Halau Ku Mana	140	20	15%	0	0%
Hawaii Academy of Arts and Science	677	56	9%	3	1%
Hawaii Technology Academy	1100	94	9%	6	1%
Innovations Public Charter School	240	13	6%	5	3%
Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo <sup>8</sup>	206	8	4%		
Ka Waihona o ka Na'auao Public Charter School	651	48	8%	0	0%
Ka'u Learning Academy	98	3	4%	8	11%
Kamaile Academy Public Charter School	884	110	13%	63	8%

<sup>6</sup> The state percentage for special education students referenced is based on the Hawaii Department of Education's Data Book Report for 2016.

<sup>7</sup> The statewide percentage for ELL students referenced is based on information provided from the Department of Education's Data Book Report for 2016.

<sup>8</sup> Schools with no ELL information are Hawaiian immersion schools which are exempt from ELL requirements.

Table E: Special Education and English Language Learner Student Population in Charter Schools					
School Name	Total # of Students	# of Special Education Students	% of Special Education Students	# of ELL Students	% of ELL Students
Kamalani Academy	299	22	8%	3	2%
Kanu o ka 'Āina New Century Public Charter School	625	28	5%	3	1%
Kanuikapono Charter School	197	14	8%	3	2%
Kapolei Charter School by Goodwill Hawaii	47	6	13%	2	5%
Kawaikini New Century Public Charter School <sup>7</sup>	141	10	8%		
Ke Ana La'ahana PCS	40	15	38%	0	0%
Ke Kula 'o Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u Iki, LPCS <sup>7</sup>	426	5	2%		
Ke Kula 'o Samuel M. Kamakau, LPCS	131	1	1%		
Ke Kula Ni'ihau O Kekaha	50	4	8%	15	28%
Kihei Public Charter School	535	31	6%	7	2%
Kona Pacific Public Charter School	226	15	7%	3	2%
Kua o ka Lā New Century Public Charter School	207	23	12%	2	1%
Kualapu'u School: A Public Conversion Charter	319	26	9%	7	3%
Kula Aupuni Niihau A Kahelelani Aloha (KANAKA) A New Century Public Charter School (PCS)	57	7	13%	2	5%
Ka'ōhao School	338	21	7%	3	1%
Laupahoehoe Community Public Charter School	319	49	16%	16	6%
Mālama Honua Public Charter School	102	4	4%	0	0%
Myron B. Thompson Academy	561	0	0%	0	0%
Na Wai Ola Public Charter School	161	11	7%	5	4%
SEEQS: The School for Examining Essential Questions of Sustainability	181	22	13%	1	1%
University Laboratory School	437	21	5%	2	1%
Volcano School of Arts and Sciences	195	19	10%	2	2%
Voyager Public Charter School	294	29	10%	8	3%



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Waialae Elementary Public Charter School	517	39	8%	40	8%
Waimea Middle Public Conversion Charter School	253	29	12%	10	4%
West Hawaii Explorations Academy	264	12	5%	2	1%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11,343</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>3%</b>

## 6. Conclusion

With increases in student enrollment, an increase in the number of teachers teaching in charter schools, and the opening of two new charter schools in school year 2017-2018, the data continues to show the trend noted in previous reports, that, evidenced by increasing numbers since 2014, Hawaii has a steadily growing charter school system. Also, despite a continuing teacher shortage, charter schools were able to serve a larger student population this year while maintaining teacher licensure as a priority evidenced by the increase in the percentages of licensed teachers in this school year. The Commission reaffirms its continuous pledge to continue the work with HTSB and the charter schools to keep a focus on teacher quality for student success.