# Charter School Task Force Report: Summary of Consensus Recommendations

**Focus:**
- The fiscal impact that charter schools have on traditional public schools
- Inconsistencies in how charter schools are authorized throughout the state

## Recommendations

### Extend the Timelines for Authorizer Review for New Charter School Petitions

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### Create a Statewide Entity to:
- Develop standards for authorizers providing oversight
- Provide training for authorizers

1. Provide consistency in oversight practices throughout the state
2. Provide additional resources and training opportunities for authorizers
3. Provide greater accountability measures

### Allow for Transitional Aid Support to Districts when Students Transfer to Charter Schools

- Providing districts financial support in the current education code when ADA is lost to charter schools.

### Provide Additional Discretion to Authorizers to Approve or Deny a New Charter; Remove CDE from Oversight Role

- Discretionary factors for authorizers to consider for approval or denial:
  1. Saturation
  2. Academic outcomes & offerings
  3. A statement of need

- Broader discretion when considering new petitions balanced with current allowable appeal rights.
### California Charter School Task Force Report: Summary of Other Proposals Voted On

Below is a summary of proposals that were voted on and were supported by a majority of the task force members, but where a consensus from all members was not met.

#### Other Proposals Voted On:

1. **Enact a One-Year Moratorium on the Establishment of New Virtual Charter Schools.**
   - **Outcome:** Supported by the Majority

2. **Remove the California State Board of Education from Hearing Appeals of Charter Petition Denials.**
   - **Outcome:** Supported by the Majority

3. **Authorization of New Charters Limited to District Level with an Appeals Process at the County Level Only When There Was an Error by the District Board.**
   - **Outcome:** Supported by the Majority

4. **Prohibit Districts from Authorizing Charter Schools Located Outside District Boundaries.**
   - **Outcome:** Supported by the Majority

5. **Allow Authorizers to Consider Fiscal Impact as Part of the Authorization Process.**
   - **Outcome:** Supported by the Majority

6. **Establish Clear Guidelines for Charter Applicants to Follow for New Charter Petitions.**
   - **Outcome:** Supported by the Majority

7. **Update Education Code Requirements to Reflect Current State Accountability.**
   - **Outcome:** Supported by the Majority

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