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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. By August 1, 2023, the board of education shall  
2 meet with alum, student, and parent representatives of the  
3 Hawaii School for the Deaf and Blind, other members of the  
4 Hawaii deaf community, and representatives of the department of  
5 education about progress toward a plan to convert the Hawaii  
6 School for the Deaf and Blind to a charter school and to discuss  
7 alternatives, including an immersion school structure.

8           SECTION 2. By October 1, 2023, the department of  
9 education, in consultation with alum, student, and parent  
10 representatives of the Hawaii School for the Deaf and Blind and  
11 other members of the Hawaii deaf community, shall:

12           (1) Submit a letter of intent to an authorizer to convert  
13 the Hawaii School for the Deaf and Blind to a charter  
14 school;

15           (2) Assist in establishing an applicant governing board  
16 for the charter school; and



1           (3) Develop a detailed implementation plan to transition  
2           the Hawaii School for the Deaf and Blind to a  
3           conversion charter school, as defined in section  
4           302D-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The plan shall:

5           (A) Comply with requirements for the establishment of  
6           a conversion charter school, as detailed in  
7           section 302D-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes;

8           (B) Ensure that the school remains on the same  
9           property, uses the same facilities, and has  
10          access to the same level of funding that it had  
11          before conversion;

12          (C) Include a timeline for the school's transition to  
13          a conversion charter school; and

14          (D) List any additional funding necessary to  
15          transition the school to a conversion charter  
16          school.

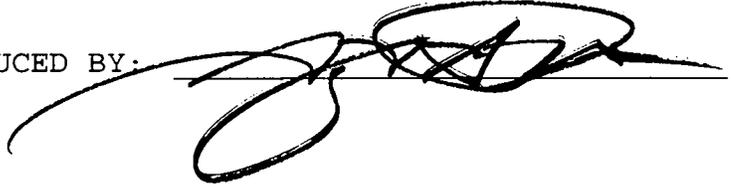
17          SECTION 3. The department of education shall submit a  
18          report of its findings and recommendations, including the  
19          transition plan, funding requirements, and any proposed  
20          legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
21          to the convening of the regular session of 2024.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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# S.B. NO. 605

**Report Title:**

Department of Education; Hawaii School for the Deaf and Blind;  
Charter Schools; Deaf and Blind Task Force; Report

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Education to meet with Hawaii School for the Deaf and Blind stakeholders and members of the Hawaii deaf community regarding the development of a plan to transition the Hawaii School for the Deaf and Blind to a conversion charter school. Requires a report to the Legislature.

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