A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 302B, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated 3 and to read as follows: 4 Extracurricular activities. Notwithstanding any 5 other law to the contrary, the department shall provide students 6 at charter schools with the same opportunity to participate in 7 extracurricular activities that is provided to students at other 8 public schools. 9 If a student at a charter school wishes to participate in 10 an extracurricular activity for which there is no program at the 11 charter school, the department shall allow that student to participate in a comparable program in a public school located 12 13 near the student's residence; provided that the department may 14 deny the student's request to participate in the extracurricular 15 activity if the school providing the activity has a reasonable 16 basis for the denial, including a lack of funds or the student's 17 participation would violate any rule relating to the activity; 18 provided that, a student who is denied permission to participate



- 1 in an activity because of a lack of funds shall be allowed to
- 2 participate in the activity if the student or charter school
- 3 pays for the cost related to the student's participation in the
- 4 activity."

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- 5 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.
- 6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Education; Extracurricular Activities; Charter Schools

Description:

Requires the Department of Education to allow charter school students to participate in extracurricular activities at a nearby public school if the activity is not offered at the charter school. Allows the Department to deny the student's request if the public school has a reasonable basis for the denial.

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