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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 302D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding three new sections to be appropriately  
3 designated and to read as follows:

4           "§302D-       General obligation bonds; facilities. (a)  
5 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the commission shall be  
6 authorized to request the issuance of general obligation bonds  
7 from the director of finance and allocate the proceeds of any  
8 general obligation bonds to assist public charter schools with  
9 the design, planning, construction, repair, and maintenance of  
10 charter school facilities.

11           (b) Unless otherwise required by law, any public charter  
12 school facilities constructed, in whole or in part, through the  
13 proceeds of general obligation bonds shall be owned by the  
14 State.

15           §302D-       Charter school facilities funding working group.

16           (a) There is established a charter school facilities funding  
17 working group within the commission, which shall consist of the  
18 following members or their designees:



- 1        (1) The chairperson of the commission;
- 2        (2) The executive director of the commission;
- 3        (3) The director of finance;
- 4        (4) The chair of the senate committee on ways and means;
- 5                and
- 6        (5) The chair of the house of representatives committee on
- 7                finance.

8        (b) The charter school facilities funding working group  
9 shall act in an advisory capacity in determining the criteria  
10 for and the allocation of the proceeds of general obligation  
11 bonds for public charter school facilities, based in part on the  
12 performance and needs of the public charter schools.

13        §302D- General obligation bonds annual report. The  
14 commission shall submit a report to the legislature no later  
15 than twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session.

16 The report shall include:

- 17        (1) A summary of the criteria used by the commission in
- 18                allocating the proceeds of the general obligation
- 19                bonds;



1       (2) A detailed breakdown of the allocation of the proceeds  
2       of the general obligation bonds to the public charter  
3       schools; and

4       (3) A detailed list of projects funded through the  
5       proceeds of the general obligation bonds."

6       SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue  
7 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$                    or so much  
8 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof  
9 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2015-2016  
10 for the purpose of assisting state public charter schools with  
11 the design, planning, construction, repair, and maintenance of  
12 school facilities pursuant to this Act.

13       The sum appropriated shall be expended by the state public  
14 charter school commission for the purposes of this Act.

15       SECTION 3. The appropriation made for the capital  
16 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at  
17 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is  
18 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation  
19 unencumbered as of June 30, 2018, shall lapse as of that date.

20       SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015;  
2 provided that section 1 shall be repealed on June 30, 2025.

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**Report Title:**

State Public Charter School Commission; Facilities Funding;  
General Obligation Bonds; Appropriation

**Description:**

Temporarily authorizes the state public charter school commission to request the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance public charter school facilities. Creates a working group to act in an advisory capacity to determine the criteria for and allocation of bond proceeds. Specifies that bond-funded facilities are owned by the State. Requires an annual report to the legislature. Authorizes the issuance of bonds to fund public charter school facilities. (SD1)

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