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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. The legislature finds that facilities funding  
2 has been a long-standing issue for charter schools nationally  
3 and locally. In Hawaii, start-up charter schools have paid the  
4 costs of their facilities from operational funds. However, Act  
5 159, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, authorized the state public  
6 charter school commission to request facilities funding as part  
7 of its annual budget request to the director of finance  
8 beginning with the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Act 234, Session Laws  
9 of Hawaii 2015, authorized a framework for providing facilities  
10 funding and support for public charter school facilities with  
11 adequate prioritization, oversight, and accountability by the  
12 charter school facilities funding working group to be convened  
13 by the state public charter school commission.

14           The legislature further finds that public charter schools  
15 receive inadequate funding to support student learning. While  
16 the state public charter school commission may request  
17 facilities funding as part of its annual budget request, the



1 amounts received in recent fiscal years have not kept pace with  
 2 the cost of providing and maintaining high-quality facilities.  
 3 Public charter schools that lack adequate building facilities  
 4 are sometimes forced to hold classes outdoors, on covered  
 5 lanais, or in unstable temporary structures.

6 The purpose of this Act is to provide funding to the state  
 7 public charter school commission for the acquisition, repair,  
 8 maintenance, and rental of charter school facilities.

9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
 10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
 11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the  
 12 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
 13 2018-2019 for the state public charter school commission to  
 14 allocate to charter schools for facilities projects and rent  
 15 assistance based, in part, on the need and financial performance  
 16 of the charter schools, as determined by the state public  
 17 charter school commission.

18 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the state public  
 19 charter school commission for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2051.



**Report Title:**

Charter Schools; Facility Funding

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for charter school facilities. (HB533 HD1)

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