
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 infrastructure costs, the
8 rental or lease of charter school facilities, and for the repair
9 and maintenance of network infrastructure.

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

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



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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Appropriates funds for infrastructure costs, the rental or lease of charter school facilities, and the repair and maintenance of network infrastructure of charter schools.

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