
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that facilities funding
3 has been a long-standing issue for charter schools nationally
4 and locally. In Hawaii, start-up charter schools have paid the
5 costs of their facilities from operational funds. However, Act
6 159, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, authorized the state public
7 charter school commission to request facilities funding as part
8 of its annual budget request to the director of finance
9 beginning with the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Act 234, Session Laws
10 of Hawaii 2015, authorized a framework for providing facilities
11 funding and support for public charter school facilities with
12 adequate prioritization, oversight, and accountability by the
13 charter school facilities funding working group to be convened
14 by the state public charter school commission.

15 The legislature further finds that public charter schools
16 receive inadequate funding to support student learning. While
17 the state public charter school commission may request



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

7 The purpose of this Act is to provide funding to the state
8 public charter school commission for infrastructure costs, the
9 rental or lease of charter school facilities, and for the repair
10 and maintenance of network infrastructure. This Act also
11 provides funding for meal services and student transportation.

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



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

PART II

SECTION 3. The purpose of this part is to appropriate funds to the state public charter school commission to provide for meal services and student transportation.

SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the state public charter school commission to allocate to charter schools for meal services and student transportation.

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

PART III

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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Report Title:

Charter Schools; Facilities Funding; Infrastructure; Meals; Transportation

Description:

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

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