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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOLS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that charter schools are  
2 not able to secure long-term leases, make necessary large  
3 purchases, and create long-term strategic plans for campuses  
4 with a charter contract due to the short length of the current  
5 contract. The legislature further finds that lengthening the  
6 charter contract renewal period to ten years, will allow charter  
7 schools to effectively secure leases, make significant campus  
8 purchases, and engage in long-term strategic planning, thereby  
9 fostering the growth and development of charter schools in the  
10 State.

11           The purpose of this Act is to lengthen the current five-  
12 year charter contract to a ten-year charter contract.

13           SECTION 2. Section 302D-18, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
14 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

15           "(a) A charter contract may be renewed for successive  
16 [~~five-year~~] ten-year terms of duration, although an authorizer  
17 may vary the terms based on performance, demonstrated



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1 capacities, and particular circumstances of each charter school.  
2 An authorizer may grant a renewal of a charter contract with  
3 specific conditions for necessary improvements to a charter  
4 school."

5 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Charter Schools; Contract Renewal

**Description:**

Lengthens the contracts for charter schools from five years to ten years.

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