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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 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 term
5 authorized in existing law. The legislature further finds that
6 lengthening the charter contract renewal period to ten years
7 will allow charter schools to effectively secure leases, make
8 significant campus purchases, and engage in long-term strategic
9 planning, which will foster the growth and development of
10 charter schools in the State.

11 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to authorize the
12 renewal of a charter contract to a ten-year term.

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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 Renewals; Terms

Description:

Authorizes charter school contracts to be renewed for successive ten-year terms of duration.

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