

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that prekindergarten-only
2 public charter schools are an integral component to increasing
3 access to early learning and meeting the mandates of Act 46,
4 Session Laws of Hawaii 2020. Prekindergarten-only public
5 charter schools meet the same rigorous requirements as public
6 pre-kindergarten schools with the added benefit of being able to
7 operate on a full-day schedule that better serves the needs of
8 working families. Prekindergarten-only public charter schools
9 are essential to a high-quality mixed-delivery system, but are
10 currently operating at a deficit.

11 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
12 state public charter school commission to increase funding to
13 prekindergarten-only public charter schools.

14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for
17 prekindergarten-only public charter schools.



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

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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H.B. NO. 2399

Report Title:

State Public Charter School Commission; Prekindergarten-only Public Charter Schools; Funding; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the State Public Charter School Commission for prekindergarten-only public charter schools.

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