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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 one of the greatest  
2 challenges for charter schools is acquiring facilities. Both a  
3 lack of funding for facilities as well as availability of  
4 suitable space poses a large obstacle to an otherwise successful  
5 part of the public education story in Hawai`i.

6           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to address the  
7 problem by funding the cost of facilities for charter schools  
8 and to give charter schools first priority for the use of vacant  
9 or underused state buildings.

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 2008-2009 for the  
13 cost of facilities for charter schools.

14           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
15 education for the purposes of this Act.

16           SECTION 3. Charter schools shall have the first priority  
17 of use of any vacant or underused state building that is  
18 available for use.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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**Report Title:**

Education

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to charter schools for facilities. Gives charter schools first right to use underutilized or vacant state buildings.

