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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. Section 302B-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (i) to read as follows:

3 "(i) The powers and duties of the panel shall be to:

4 (1) Appoint and evaluate the executive director and  
5 approve staff and salary levels for the charter school  
6 administrative office;

7 (2) Review, approve, or deny charter applications for new  
8 charter schools in accordance with section 302B-5 for  
9 the issuance of new charters; provided that  
10 [applicants]:

11 (A) Applicants that are denied a charter may appeal  
12 to the board for a final decision pursuant to  
13 section 302B-3.5; and

14 (B) Priority shall be given to charter applications  
15 for new charter schools and conversion charter  
16 schools in underserved or rural areas, taking  
17 into consideration the distance between existing  
18 schools in the affected area and the hardship on



1                   students required to travel significant distances  
2                   to attend school;

3           (3) Review, approve, or deny significant amendments to  
4           detailed implementation plans to maximize the school's  
5           financial and academic success, long-term  
6           organizational viability, and accountability. Charter  
7           schools that are denied a significant amendment to  
8           their detailed implementation plan may appeal to the  
9           board for a final decision pursuant to section 302B-  
10          3.5;

11          (4) Adopt reporting requirements for charter schools;

12          (5) Review annual self-evaluation reports from charter  
13          schools and take appropriate action;

14          (6) Evaluate any aspect of a charter school that the panel  
15          may have concerns with and take appropriate action,  
16          which may include probation or revocation;

17          (7) Periodically adopt improvements in the panel's  
18          monitoring and oversight of charter schools; and

19          (8) Periodically adopt improvements in the office's  
20          support of charter schools and management of the  
21          charter school system."



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1 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 

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**Report Title:**

Charter Schools; Underserved or Rural Areas

**Description:**

Gives priority to the establishment of charter schools in underserved or rural areas.

