
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that, in order to
2 maximize available funding, the department of education can
3 include the enrollment totals or projections of the public
4 charter schools for federal student services grants (e.g.,
5 student transportation). The purpose of this Act is to ensure
6 that when the enrollment numbers of the public charter schools
7 are included to secure additional funding, the distribution of
8 funds received goes to the public charter schools in an
9 equitable distribution.

10 SECTION 2. Section 302B-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

12 "(c) Charter schools shall be eligible for all federal
13 financial support to the same extent as all other public
14 schools. The department shall provide the office with all
15 state-level federal grant proposals submitted by the department
16 that include charter schools as potential recipients and timely
17 reports on state-level federal grants received for which charter
18 schools may apply or are entitled to receive. Federal funds



1 received by the department for charter schools shall be
2 transferred to the office for distribution to charter schools in
3 accordance with the federal requirements. If administrative
4 services related to federal grants and subsidies are provided to
5 the charter school by the department, the charter school shall
6 reimburse the department for the actual costs of the
7 administrative services in an amount that shall not exceed six
8 and one-half per cent of the charter school's federal grants and
9 subsidies.

10 Whenever the department receives federal grants or
11 subsidies where the public charter schools are eligible for the
12 moneys, and the specific grant or subsidy does not include
13 instructions regarding distribution, and the department has the
14 discretion on distribution of funds, the department shall
15 transfer an equitable distribution of the funds received to
16 public charter schools similar to the distribution of funds to
17 other public schools.

18 Any charter school shall be eligible to receive any
19 supplemental federal grant or award for which any other public
20 school may submit a proposal, or any supplemental federal grants
21 limited to charter schools; provided that if department
22 administrative services, including funds management, budgetary,



1 fiscal accounting, or other related services, are provided with
 2 respect to these supplemental grants, the charter school shall
 3 reimburse the department for the actual costs of the
 4 administrative services in an amount that shall not exceed six
 5 and one-half per cent of the supplemental grant for which the
 6 services are used.

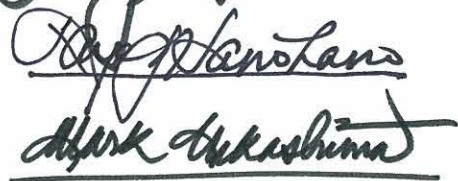
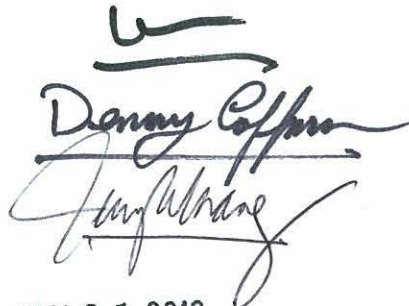
7 All additional funds generated by the local school boards,
 8 that are not from a supplemental grant, shall be held separate
 9 from allotted funds and may be expended at the discretion of the
 10 local school boards."

11 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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INTRODUCED BY:



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Report Title:

Public Charter Schools; Funding

Description:

Requires the Department of Education to provide an early and equitable distribution of grant moneys received to the Hawaii Charter School Administrative Office when charter school enrollment numbers were used to secure federal grants.

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