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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 although section
2 302B-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, provides some direction in
3 determining which categories of funds are included in the
4 calculation of per-pupil funding to charter schools, there is
5 still ambiguity in the precise determination of which moneys are
6 included. The legislature finds that more information is
7 necessary to establish equitable funding allocations across non-
8 charter public schools and charter schools.

9 The purpose of this Act is to establish a charter schools
10 funding task force to establish a consistent and equitable
11 method of allocating funding and resources to charter schools.

12 SECTION 2. (a) There is established a charter schools
13 funding task force that shall consist of five members as
14 follows:

15 (1) The chief financial officer of the charter school
16 administrative office;



1 (2) The chief financial officer of the department of
2 education;

3 (3) The director of budget and finance, or the director's
4 designee;

5 (4) The chairperson of the house of representatives
6 committee on finance; and

7 (5) The chairperson of the senate committee on ways and
8 means.

9 (b) The duties of the charter schools funding task force
10 shall include but not be limited to the following:

11 (1) Gathering detailed information on the existing funding
12 sources of the charter schools' per-pupil allocation;

13 (2) Gathering detailed information on the department of
14 budget and finance's method of calculating the
15 department of education's per-pupil allocation and the
16 charter schools' per-pupil allocation amounts;

17 (3) Identifying discrepancies and the reasons for
18 discrepancies in calculations of per-pupil allocations
19 for non-charter public schools and charter schools by
20 various agencies; and



1 (4) Recommending the portion of debt service, repair and
2 maintenance, and capital improvement expenses to be
3 paid by charter schools.

4 (c) The charter schools funding task force shall select a
5 chairperson from among its members. The charter schools funding
6 task force members shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses,
7 including travel expenses, necessary for the performance of
8 their duties.

9 (d) The charter schools funding task force shall submit a
10 report of its findings and recommendations, including any
11 proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty
12 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2011.

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Charter Schools; Task Force; Funding Formula

Description:

Establishes a task force to clarify sources of funding for the per-pupil funding formula for charter schools, identify discrepancies in the calculation of the formula for charter schools and non-charter schools, and recommend the portion of certain expenses that should be allocated to charter schools. Requires report to the legislature.

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