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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. Chapter 302B, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "§302B-           Charter school facilities; funding formula.

5           (a) The department shall use the annual facilities funding  
6 support formula under this section to allocate funding for  
7 charter school facilities costs. The formula shall be applied  
8 independently of any formula used to allocate operating funds  
9 for charter schools.

10           (b) The following formula shall be used to determine the  
11 amount of annual facilities funding support for each charter  
12 school:

13                   Average monthly cost per square foot of  
14                   leased facilities space under subsection

15                   (c);

16   multiplied by (x)

17                   Twelve months;

18   multiplied by (x)



1 Total net authorized square feet of  
2 facilities space calculated under subsection  
3 (d);

4 equals (=)

5 Annual facilities funding support amount.

6 (c) The average monthly cost per square foot of leased  
7 facilities space for a charter school shall be determined  
8 annually by the department of accounting and general services.

9 (d) The total net authorized square feet of facilities  
10 space for a charter school shall be calculated as follows:

11 The number of elementary school grade students  
12 enrolled at the charter school multiplied by (x) the  
13 amount of square feet of facilities space needed for  
14 each elementary school grade student;

15 plus (+)

16 The number of secondary school grade students enrolled  
17 at the charter school multiplied by (x) the amount of  
18 square feet of facilities space needed for each  
19 secondary school grade student;

20 minus (-)

21 The amount of square feet of facilities space provided  
22 to the charter school by the State;



1 provided that:

2       (1) The amount of square feet of facilities space needed  
3       for each elementary school grade student and secondary  
4       school grade student, as determined by the department,  
5       shall be comparable to the actual square footage of  
6       facilities space provided to each student enrolled in  
7       public schools subject to chapter 302A; and

8       (2) If the charter school is a distance-learning school or  
9       has students enrolled in distance-learning courses,  
10       the number of enrolled elementary school grade and  
11       secondary school grade students for the calculations  
12       under this subsection shall be adjusted accordingly by  
13       the department to make a reasonable approximation of  
14       the amount of facilities space needed by the school  
15       for its operations.

16       (e) For purposes of this section:

17       "Distance learning" means a formalized teaching and  
18       learning system designed to be carried out remotely by using  
19       electronic communication.

20       "Facilities space" means classrooms and school common areas  
21       including cafeterias, administration buildings, libraries, and  
22       all other indoor space at a charter school."



1 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030, and  
3 shall apply to the 2012-2013 school year and thereafter.



**Report Title:**

Charter School Facilities; Funding Formula

**Description:**

Establishes a funding formula for charter school facilities.  
Effective July 1, 2030. (HB159 HD1)

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