
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 the charter school
2 governance, accountability, and authority task force ("task
3 force") was established pursuant to section 7 of Act 130,
4 Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, in response to questions and
5 concerns raised by policy makers and advocates alike about the
6 integrity of Hawaii's charter school governance structure and
7 the overall strength of Hawaii's laws in establishing clear
8 lines of authority that ensured accountability of the charter
9 school system.

10 Specifically, the goal of the task force was to provide
11 clarity to the relationships, responsibilities, and lines of
12 accountability and authority among stakeholders of Hawaii's
13 charter school system, including the board of education,
14 department of education, charter school administrative office,
15 charter school review panel, and local school boards.

16 In conducting its work, the task force looked at various
17 sections of the charter school model law put forth by the
18 National Alliance for Public Charter Schools and used the model



1 law as a guide in compiling its recommendations to the
2 legislature.

3 The task force was also fortunate to have the assistance
4 and input of the National Association of Charter School
5 Authorizers and the National Governors Association.

6 The task force concluded its work and issued its report and
7 recommendations to the legislature, which are included in S.B.
8 No. , Regular Session of 2012.

9 The purpose of this Act is to require the board of
10 education to contract for an implementation and transition
11 coordinator to assist in creating a comprehensive transition
12 framework to implement the recommendations of the task force,
13 included in S.B. No. , Regular Session of 2012.

14 SECTION 2. (a) The board of education, in consultation
15 with national organizations such as the National Governors
16 Association, National Association of Charter School Authorizers,
17 and National Alliance for Public Charter Schools, shall develop
18 a scope of work to contract for an implementation and transition
19 coordinator to assist with:

20 (1) Implementation of the recommendations of the charter
21 school governance, accountability, and authority task



1 force pursuant to Act 130, Session Laws of Hawaii
2 2011; and

3 (2) The transition from the current charter school system
4 under chapter 302B, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the
5 charter school system proposed in S.B. No. ,
6 Regular Session of 2012.

7 (b) At a minimum, the board shall contract for an
8 implementation and transition coordinator that possesses the
9 following:

10 (1) Knowledge of best practices in educational governance
11 and accountability, with a strong emphasis on charter
12 schools;

13 (2) Extensive experience in public policy and
14 administration, specifically working with state policy
15 makers and community stakeholders; and

16 (3) Demonstrated strong written and oral communication
17 skills.

18 (c) The scope of work developed pursuant to subsection (a)
19 shall, at a minimum, require the implementation and transition
20 coordinator to:

21 (1) Develop a comprehensive plan for the implementation of
22 the recommendations of the charter school governance,



1 accountability, and authority task force as set forth
2 in S.B. No. , Regular Session of 2012, including
3 the development of a communications plan, a plan for
4 engaging key charter school stakeholders, and
5 development of a strategy for the monitoring and
6 evaluation of the implementation efforts by the board
7 of education;

8 (2) Draft policies and procedures, including
9 administrative rules, necessary for the implementation
10 of S.B. No. , Regular Session of 2012;

11 (3) Assist in developing position descriptions for and
12 recruitment of the state public charter school
13 commission staff as detailed in the charter school
14 governance, accountability, and authority task force
15 report to the legislature pursuant to Act 130, Session
16 Laws of Hawaii 2011;

17 (4) Determine a plan and develop procedures for the
18 redistribution of the duties of the charter school
19 administrative office to other charter school
20 stakeholders upon the repeal of the charter school
21 administrative office pursuant to S.B. No. ,
22 Regular Session of 2012;



1 (5) Develop a funding plan to address the transition of
2 current charter school administrative office staff to
3 the state public charter school commission established
4 pursuant to S.B. No. , Regular Session of 2012;

5 (6) Assist the board of education with the recruitment and
6 selection of members to the state public charter
7 school commission established pursuant to S.B.
8 No. , Regular Session of 2012;

9 (7) Prepare communications and coordinate collaboration
10 between charter schools, governing boards, charter
11 school authorizers, board of education, department of
12 education, other state departments, and the
13 legislature in carrying out the scope of work; and

14 (8) Assist the department of education in taking an
15 inventory of all full time employee positions within
16 the department that work with charter schools and
17 making a recommendation as to which positions may be
18 repurposed or redirected based upon the statutory
19 changes required by S.B. No. , Regular Session of
20 2012.

21 (c) The board of education shall be responsible for
22 awarding and overseeing the contract.



1 (d) The term of the contract shall be for one year;
2 provided that the board of education and the implementation and
3 transition coordinator may enter into supplemental contracts as
4 the board of education may deem necessary to carry out the
5 purposes of this Act.

6 (e) Chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall not apply
7 to the contracting of the implementation and transition
8 coordinator pursuant to this Act.

9 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for
12 the board of education to contract for an implementation and
13 transition coordinator.

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

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012,
17 only if S.B. No. in any form passed by the legislature,
18 Regular Session of 2012, becomes an Act.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Requires the Board of Education to contract for an implementation and transition coordinator to assist with the implementation of S.B. No. , Regular Session of 2012. Makes an appropriation.

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