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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FACILITIES FUNDING FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that facilities funding
2 has been a long-standing issue for charter schools nationally
3 and locally. In Hawaii, start-up charter schools have paid the
4 costs of their facilities from operational funds. However,
5 during the regular session of 2013, the legislature authorized
6 the state public charter school commission to request facilities
7 funding as part of its annual budget request to the director of
8 finance beginning with the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

9 The legislature further finds that the state public charter
10 school commission is currently implementing a facilities pilot
11 project for the allocation of funds to various charter schools
12 for small-scale facilities projects based, in part, on the need
13 and performance of the charter schools. The commission has
14 currently allocated \$680,000 of federal impact aid to this pilot
15 program.

16 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
17 state public charter school commission to support its facilities
18 pilot project.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for
 4 the state public charter school commission to allocate to
 5 charter schools for facilities projects based, in part, on the
 6 need and performance of the charter schools.

7 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the state public
 8 charter school commission for the purposes of this Act.

9 SECTION 3. The state public charter school commission
 10 shall report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
 11 the convening of each regular session for the duration of the
 12 state public charter school commission's pilot project on the
 13 use of the funds appropriated under this Act and the results of
 14 the state public charter school commission's facilities pilot
 15 project.

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.
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Report Title:

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Description:

Appropriates funds for the state public charter school commission to allocate to charter schools for facilities projects based, in part, on the need and performance of the charter schools. Requires annual reporting the legislature.

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