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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, Act  
5 159, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, authorized the state public  
6 charter school commission to request facilities funding as part  
7 of its annual budget request to the director of finance  
8 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 much  
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the  
4 state public charter school commission to allocate to charter  
5 schools for facilities projects based, in part, on the need and  
6 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 to the convening of each regular session, beginning with the  
12 regular session of 2015, for the duration of the state public  
13 charter school commission's pilot project on the use of the  
14 funds appropriated under this Act and the results of the state  
15 public charter school commission's facilities pilot project.

16           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Charter Schools; Facilities; Appropriation

**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 to the legislature. (SB2516 HD1)

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