
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 302D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding three new sections to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "**§302D-A General obligation bonds; facilities.** (a)

5 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the commission shall be
6 authorized to request the issuance of general obligation bonds
7 from the director of finance and allocate the proceeds of any
8 general obligation bonds to assist public charter schools with
9 the design, planning, construction, repair, and maintenance of
10 charter school facilities.

11 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the proceeds
12 of any general obligation bonds may be allocated to various
13 public charter schools irrespective of whether a specific
14 project or purpose has been provided for in a legislative act
15 authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds; provided
16 that the commission shall allocate the proceeds of any general
17 obligation bonds pursuant to criteria created by, and based upon



1 the prioritization schedule of, the charter school facilities
2 funding working group pursuant to section 302D-B(b).

3 (c) Unless otherwise required by law, any public charter
4 school facilities constructed, in whole or in part, through the
5 proceeds of general obligation bonds shall be owned by the
6 State.

7 (d) Moneys appropriated for capital improvement projects
8 pursuant to any legislative act authorizing the issuance of
9 general obligation bonds for the design, planning, construction,
10 repair, and maintenance of public charter school facilities
11 shall be considered expended upon distribution to the
12 commission.

13 **§302D-B Charter school facilities funding working group.**

14 (a) There is established a charter school facilities funding
15 working group within the commission, which shall consist of the
16 following members or their designees:

- 17 (1) The chairperson of the commission;
- 18 (2) The executive director of the commission;
- 19 (3) The director of finance;
- 20 (4) The chair of the senate committee on ways and means;
- 21 and



1 (5) The chair of the house of representatives committee on
2 finance.

3 (b) The charter school facilities funding working group
4 shall determine criteria for and prioritize the allocation of
5 the proceeds of general obligation bonds for public charter
6 school facilities, based in part on the performance and needs of
7 the public charter schools.

8 **§302D-C General obligation bonds annual report.** The
9 commission shall submit a report to the legislature no later
10 than twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session.
11 The report shall include:

12 (1) A summary of the criteria used by the commission in
13 allocating the proceeds of the general obligation
14 bonds;

15 (2) A detailed breakdown of the allocation of the proceeds
16 of the general obligation bonds to the public charter
17 schools; and

18 (3) A detailed list of projects funded through the
19 proceeds of the general obligation bonds."

20 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue
21 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much
22 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof



1 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2014-2015
2 for the purpose of assisting state public charter schools with
3 the design, planning, construction, repair, and maintenance of
4 school facilities pursuant to this Act.

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

7 SECTION 3. The appropriation made for the capital
8 improvement projects authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
9 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
10 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation
11 unencumbered as of June 30, 2016, shall lapse as of that date.

12 SECTION 4. In codifying the new sections added by section
13 1 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
14 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
15 the new sections in this Act.

16 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050;
18 provided that section 1 shall be repealed on June 30, 2024.



Report Title:

State Public Charter School Commission; Facilities Funding;
General Obligation Bonds; Appropriation

Description:

Temporarily authorizes the state public charter school commission to request the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance public charter school facilities. Creates a working group to determine the allocation of bond proceeds. Specifies that bond-funded facilities are owned by the State. Requires an annual report to the legislature. Authorizes the issuance of bonds to fund public charter school facilities. (SB2517 HD1)

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