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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State has made
2 steady progress in investing in early learning over the years.
3 The legislature further finds that Hawaii's youngest children
4 can benefit from early learning programs before they enter
5 kindergarten at age five. Act 109, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015,
6 set forth the history of early learning in the State of Hawaii
7 and statutorily created the public prekindergarten program. Act
8 109 also authorized charter schools to use their available
9 classrooms for public preschool programs.

10 The legislature additionally finds that in 2014, the Hawaii
11 state public charter school commission applied for and received
12 a federal grant from the United States Department of Education
13 to establish prekindergarten classrooms in charter schools. The
14 award provided a four year grant with funding for the first
15 three years. There are six prekindergarten classrooms currently
16 operating in charter schools. Twelve additional classrooms will
17 be added beginning in the 2017-2018 school year.



1 The purpose of this Act is to:

- 2 (1) Require the executive office on early learning to
- 3 enter into a memorandum of understanding with the
- 4 Hawaii state public charter school commission to
- 5 administer the charter school prekindergarten
- 6 classrooms; and
- 7 (2) Appropriate moneys to continue the eighteen charter
- 8 school prekindergarten classrooms beginning with the
- 9 2018-2019 school year.

10 SECTION 2. The executive office on early learning shall

11 enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Hawaii state

12 public charter school commission to administer the charter

13 school prekindergarten classrooms.

14 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general

15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,900,000 or so much

16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the

17 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year

18 2018-2019, to be expended as follows:

- 19 (1) \$1,386,567 to hire eighteen teachers and eighteen
- 20 educational assistants for eighteen charter school
- 21 prekindergarten classrooms and to provide substitutes



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1 for ten professional development days for teachers and
2 educational assistants;

3 (2) \$773,433 for leadership professional development to
4 build charter school administrators' understanding of
5 high quality early childhood practices, supplies,
6 school overhead, and facility maintenance expenses to
7 meet the group child care licensing requirements of
8 the department of human services; and

9 (3) \$740,000, for the administration and management of the
10 charter school prekindergarten classrooms by the
11 executive office on early learning in partnership with
12 the Hawaii state public charter school commission.

13 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the executive
14 office of early learning for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Requires the executive office on early learning to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Hawaii state public charter school commission to administer charter school prekindergarten classrooms. Appropriates moneys to continue funding of public prekindergarten classrooms.

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