
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 certain department
2 of education schools, such as those located in leeward Oahu, are
3 operating at or near full capacity and are struggling with
4 severe overcrowding. Additionally, public school capacity
5 concerns have been raised in connection with the projected
6 construction of residential high-rises in the Kakaako community
7 development district.

8 Section 302D-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, provides for the
9 creation of new start-up public charter schools. Public charter
10 schools can be a crucial piece of a larger solution to address
11 school overcrowding as public charter schools can often be
12 established and begin operation in less time than it would take
13 to establish and open a new school under the department of
14 education.

15 Although the State previously provided start-up grants to
16 assist public charter schools with their pre-opening costs
17 before operating funds became available to them, currently, pre-



1 opening charter schools receive no state assistance to meet
2 these significant challenges.

3 The purpose of this Act is to provide funding for start-up
4 grants to assist one or more new pre-opening public charter
5 schools.

6 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for start-
9 up grants to assist pre-opening public charter schools. The
10 state public charter school commission shall establish grant
11 criteria and guidelines for use of grant funds.

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

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.



Report Title:

State Public Charter School Commission; Pre-Opening Public
Charter Schools; Start-Up Grants; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates moneys for start-up grants to assist pre-opening
public charter schools. (HB2167 HD1)

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