
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS.

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

1 SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for
2 immediate passage in accordance with article VII, section 9, of
3 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

4 SECTION 2. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
5 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,
6 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the
7 general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2023-2024 has
8 already been exceeded by \$ or per cent. The
9 appropriations contained in this Act will cause the state
10 general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2023-2024 to be
11 further exceeded by \$ or per cent. This
12 declaration takes into account the additional general fund
13 appropriation authorized for fiscal year 2023-2024 in this Act
14 only. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure
15 ceiling are that:



1 (1) The appropriations made in this Act are necessary to
2 serve the public interest; and

3 (2) The appropriations made in this Act meet the needs
4 addressed by this Act.

5 SECTION 3. The legislature finds that the department of
6 education is required pursuant to chapter 302D, Hawaii Revised
7 Statutes, to provide proportional funding to charter schools
8 based on their student enrollment. While the overall enrollment
9 for the department of education has increased for the 2023-2024
10 school year, the growth rate for public charter schools has
11 grown even faster, at four per cent higher than projected. One
12 factor that explains the sudden increased public charter school
13 enrollment is the growing need for temporary school options in
14 Lahaina as a result of the destruction caused by the devastating
15 August 2023 wildfires. As a result of the increased charter
16 school enrollment, the amount of funding for charter schools is
17 less than what is required.

18 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to make an emergency
19 appropriation to the department of education to cover its
20 funding requirements for charter schools.



1 SECTION 4. 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 2023-2024 for
4 the department of education to provide funding for charter
5 schools.

6 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
7 education for the purposes of this Act.

8 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

DOE; Emergency Appropriation; Charter School Operations;
Expenditure Ceiling

Description:

Makes an emergency appropriation to the Department of Education for charter school operations. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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