
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 section 9 of article VII of
3 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

4 SECTION 2. The legislature finds that the department of
5 education is required to provide proportional funding to charter
6 schools based on their student enrollment. While the overall
7 enrollment for the department of education has gone up for the
8 2023-2024 school year, the growth rate for public charter
9 schools has grown even faster at four per cent higher than
10 projected. One factor that explains the sudden increased public
11 charter school enrollment is the growing need for temporary
12 school options in Lahaina as a result of the destruction
13 incurred by the devastating August 2023 wildfires. As a result
14 of the increased charter school enrollment, the amount of
15 funding for charter schools is less than what is required.



1 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to make an emergency
2 appropriation to the department of education to cover its
3 funding requirements for charter schools.

4 SECTION 3. 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:

- 16 (1) The appropriations made in this Act are necessary to
17 serve the public interest; and
- 18 (2) The appropriations made in this Act meet the needs
19 addressed by this Act.

20 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$6,600,000 or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 for the
2 department of education to provide funding for charter schools.

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

5 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

DOE; Emergency Appropriation; Expenditure Ceiling

Description:

Makes an emergency appropriation to the Department of Education for charter school operations. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. (SD1)

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