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# 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 could 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 become available to them, currently, pre-



1 opening charter schools receive no state assistance in meeting  
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.

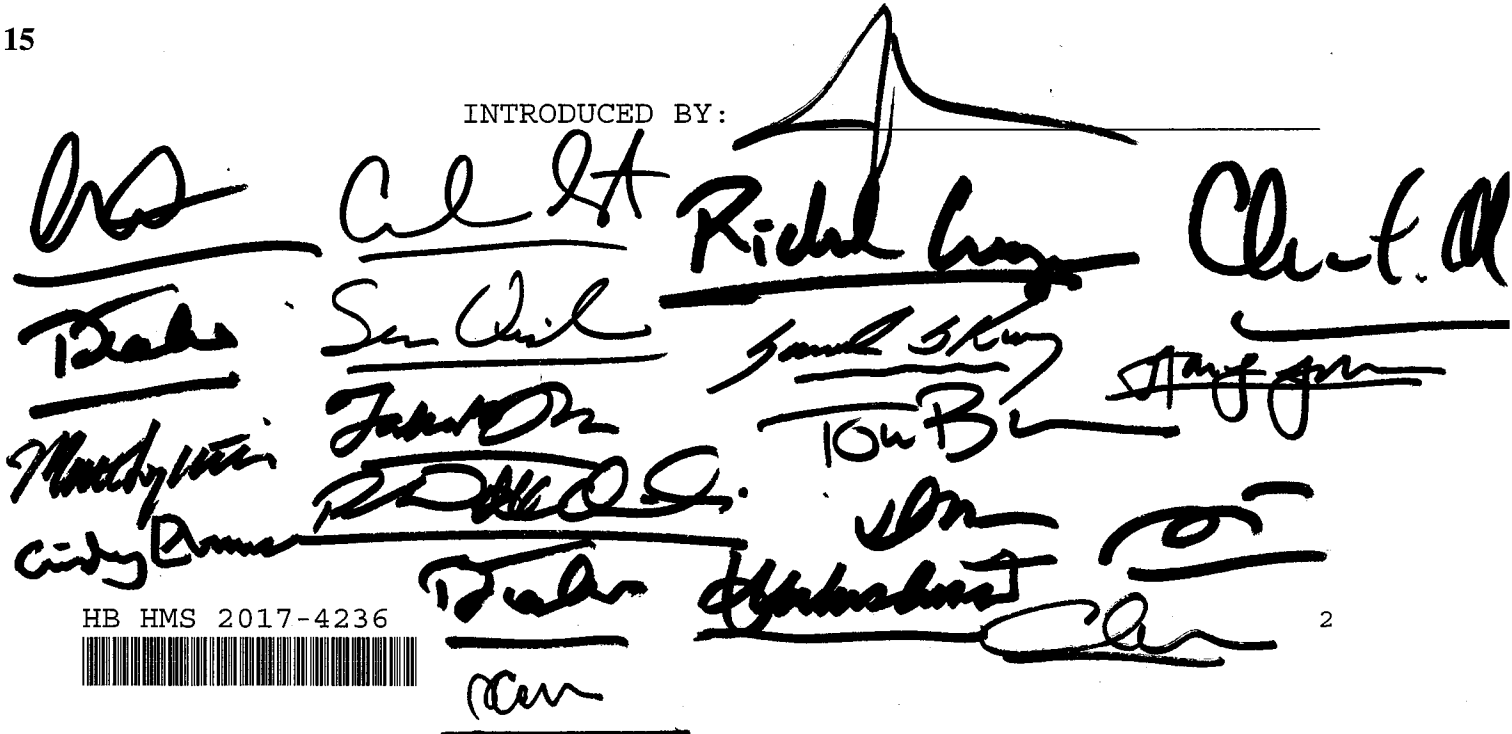
6 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for start-  
9 up grants to assist pre-opening public charter schools. The  
10 state public charter school commission shall establish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

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INTRODUCED BY:


  
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# H.B. NO. 2167

**Report Title:**

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

**Description:**

Appropriates moneys for start-up grants for one or more new pre-opening public charter schools.

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