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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 facilities funding  
2 has been a long-standing issue for charter schools nationally  
3 and locally. In Hawaii, start-up charter schools have paid the  
4 costs of their facilities from operational funds. However, Act  
5 159, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, authorized the state public  
6 charter school commission to request facilities funding as part  
7 of its annual budget request to the director of finance  
8 beginning with the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Act 234, Session Laws  
9 of Hawaii 2015, authorized a framework for providing facilities  
10 funding and support for public charter school facilities with  
11 adequate prioritization, oversight, and accountability by the  
12 charter school facilities funding working group.

13           The legislature further finds that public charter schools  
14 receive inadequate funding to support student learning. While  
15 the state public charter school commission may request  
16 facilities funding in addition to its annual budget request, the  
17 amounts received in recent fiscal years have not kept pace with



1 the cost of providing and maintaining high-quality facilities.  
2 Public charter schools that lack adequate building facilities  
3 are sometimes forced to hold classes outdoors, on covered  
4 lanais, or in unstable temporary structures.

5 The purpose of this Act is to provide funding to the state  
6 public charter school commission for infrastructure costs, the  
7 rental or lease of charter school facilities, and the repair and  
8 maintenance of network infrastructure for charter schools.

9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the  
12 state public charter school commission to allocate to charter  
13 schools for infrastructure costs, lease or rent assistance based  
14 in part on the need and financial performance of the charter  
15 schools, and repair and maintenance of network infrastructure,  
16 as determined by the state public charter school commission.

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

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



**Report Title:**

Charter Schools; Facilities Funding; Infrastructure

**Description:**

Appropriates general funds for infrastructure costs, rental or lease assistance, and the repair and maintenance of network infrastructure for charter schools. (HB2508 HD1)

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