
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL
COMMISSION TO MAINTAIN AND CONTINUE THE CURRENT FEDERALLY
FUNDED CHARTER SCHOOL PREKINDERGARTEN CLASSROOMS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State has made
2 steady progress in investing in early learning over the years.
3 The legislature further finds that Hawaii's youngest children
4 can benefit from early learning programs before they enter
5 kindergarten at age five. Act 109, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015,
6 set forth the history of early learning in the State and
7 statutorily created the executive office on early learning
8 public prekindergarten program. Under Act 109, charter schools
9 were authorized to use their available classrooms for public
10 preschool programs through the executive office on early
11 learning's public prekindergarten program, giving priority to
12 charter schools that serve large numbers of underserved or at-
13 risk children.

14 In 2014, the state public charter school commission applied
15 for and received a federal preschool development grant from the
16 United States Department of Education and United States



1 Department of Health and Human Services to establish
2 prekindergarten classrooms in charter schools. The award
3 provided a four-year grant to start prekindergarten classrooms.
4 Currently, there are eighteen prekindergarten classrooms
5 operating in eleven charter schools statewide. School year
6 2018-2019 is the final year of the federal preschool development
7 grant.

8 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys for fiscal
9 year 2019-2020 to the state public charter school commission to
10 maintain and continue the currently-existing federally-funded
11 charter school prekindergarten classrooms that were provided for
12 by the federal preschool development grant. This appropriation
13 shall be exempt from section 302D-28, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 for the
17 purposes of this Act.

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

20 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Charter School Prekindergarten Classrooms; State Public Charter School Commission

Description:

Appropriates moneys for fiscal year 2019-2020 to the State Public Charter School Commission to maintain and continue the current federally funded eighteen existing charter school prekindergarten classrooms that were provided for by a federal preschool development grant. (HB996 HD2)

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