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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION CENTER.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that:

2 (1) Hawaii's technology and defense-related industries  
3 have shown strong growth and expansion potential;

4 (2) To meet this potential, our workforce needs to be  
5 trained to meet the demand for highly-skilled, highly-  
6 specialized labor in areas such as high technology,  
7 defense-aerospace, business, and finance;

8 (3) By 2012, Oahu will have an estimated one hundred,  
9 seventy-six thousand jobs to fill, with more than  
10 fifty-one thousand of these jobs newly created; and

11 (4) Hawaii's ability to fill these job openings with  
12 talented, energetic individuals will help to determine  
13 the future quality of life for our residents.

14 The legislature further finds that the development of an  
15 "employment anchor" facility such as a technology and innovation  
16 center, along with other workforce training initiatives in high  
17 schools and community colleges, may be the key to preparing  
18 Hawaii's current and future workforce for the rigors of complex



1 fields such as high technology. There is already a significant  
2 demand for an employment anchor from local technology businesses  
3 and major defense and aerospace contractors who wish to  
4 establish businesses on Oahu. Enterprise Honolulu, a nonprofit  
5 organization focused on economic development in Hawaii, has  
6 collaborated with the Hawaii Technology Development Venture to  
7 establish a successful model program for assisting local  
8 businesses in improving their growth in areas of technology,  
9 defense, and aerospace. The integration of these kinds of  
10 programs within the context of an employment anchor, such as a  
11 technology and innovation center on Oahu, would be an important  
12 first step in meeting the State's workforce needs and eventually  
13 improving the quality of life for our residents.

14 The purpose of this Act is to provide funding, to be  
15 matched by non-state funding sources, for a new technology and  
16 innovation center on Oahu to be developed by the high technology  
17 development corporation, an agency of the department of  
18 business, economic development, and tourism, and Enterprise  
19 Honolulu. This Act also requests Enterprise Honolulu to submit  
20 a report relating to the technology and innovation center.

21 SECTION 2. The department of land and natural resources is  
22 requested to work with the high technology development



1 corporation to identify state lands appropriate to be leased for  
2 the innovation center.

3 SECTION 3. Enterprise Honolulu is requested to provide a  
4 report to the legislature prior to the convening of the regular  
5 session of 2008, with recommendations on:

6 (1) Additional financial incentives that may be necessary  
7 to stimulate development of the technology and  
8 innovation center;

9 (2) The most suitable location on Oahu for undertaking  
10 such a project; and

11 (3) Options for additional entrepreneurial and workforce  
12 development programs through this technology and  
13 innovation center.

14 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$6,000,000 or so much  
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 for  
17 design, construction, and planning costs for a new technology  
18 and innovation center on Oahu.



1           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
2 business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of  
3 this Act; provided that no funds shall be expended unless  
4 matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by non-state sources.

5           SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2034.



**Report Title:**

Technology and Innovation Center

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for a technology and innovation center on Oahu. (HB1781 HD1)

