
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 no later than twenty days prior to the
5 convening of the regular session of 2008, with recommendations
6 on:

- 7 (1) Additional financial incentives that may be necessary
8 to stimulate development of the technology and
9 innovation center;
- 10 (2) The most suitable location on Oahu for undertaking
11 such a project; and
- 12 (3) Options for additional entrepreneurial and workforce
13 development programs through this technology and
14 innovation center.

15 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 for
18 planning, design, and construction costs for a new technology
19 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 HD2)

