
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO A TECHNOLOGY MASTER PLAN.

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

1 SECTION 1. In 1983, the legislature created the high
2 technology development corporation as a means to facilitate
3 growth in the high technology industry. Since then, various
4 measures promoting the continuation of the high technology
5 industry have been enacted.

6 In 1990, the legislature established the Hawaii strategic
7 development corporation to encourage development and
8 diversification by stimulating the investment of private capital
9 in the State. Act 221, Session Laws of Hawaii 2001, supported
10 the establishment of high technology companies in Hawaii by
11 expanding the application of the high technology business
12 investment tax credit. Further, Act 215, Session Laws of Hawaii
13 2004, complemented Act 221, by creating the state private
14 investment fund, which fills the current funding gap for later-
15 stage Hawaii companies by creating a diversified investment fund
16 secured by the State.

17 Positive growth in high technology companies and continued
18 growth in the State's economy indicate that efforts to stimulate



1 the high technology industry by providing venture capital have
2 been worthwhile. Hawaii has experienced an influx of high
3 technology companies over the past five years, and many of these
4 companies are beginning to enter the profitability stage of
5 their growth. A rising demand for increased incentives and
6 further support from the State mandates the establishment of
7 concrete plans and a unified vision for the future of Hawaii's
8 high technology sector.

9 The legislature finds that a task force focusing on
10 defining the direction of Hawaii's high technology industry is
11 the necessary next step in the process of continued growth. The
12 purpose of this Act is to establish the high technology industry
13 task force for the State. The primary responsibility of the
14 task force will be to develop a state master plan for high
15 technology.

16 SECTION 2. (a) The high technology industry task force is
17 established within the high technology development corporation.
18 The high technology development corporation and, if necessary,
19 the department of business, economic development, and tourism
20 shall provide all necessary administrative and staff support for
21 the task force.



1 (b) The governor shall encourage members of the community
2 to nominate persons for the task force. All members shall serve
3 at the pleasure of the governor, who shall select the
4 chairperson from among the members. The task force shall
5 consist of eighteen members to be appointed by the governor and
6 shall include:

7 (1) Three members to be nominated by the president of the
8 senate;

9 (2) Three members to be nominated by the speaker of the
10 house of representatives;

11 (3) The president of the University of Hawaii or designee;

12 (4) The chairperson of the board of education or designee;

13 (5) Senior-level private sector business leaders,
14 representing Hawaii's traditional primary industries,
15 such as visitor, construction, defense, and property
16 development;

17 (6) Senior-level business leaders from Hawaii's emerging
18 innovation sectors, such as biotechnology and
19 healthcare, dual-use, ocean and earth sciences,
20 astronomy and optics, agriculture, and film and
21 creative media;



1 (7) Members representing professional services sectors,
2 such as finance, venture capital, accounting, and
3 marketing; and

4 (8) Cultural and natural resources leaders representing
5 the diversity of ethnic heritages and cultural
6 understandings within Hawaii.

7 (c) Members of the task force shall serve without pay, but
8 may be reimbursed for necessary expenses, including travel
9 expenses incurred in the performance of official duties if funds
10 are available.

11 (d) The task force shall meet at least quarterly or more
12 frequently at the discretion of the chairperson.

13 (e) The primary tasks of the task force shall include:

14 (1) Evaluating the effectiveness of past and current high
15 technology legislation, including Act 215, Session
16 Laws of Hawaii 2004;

17 (2) Developing a master plan for the direction of high
18 technology in Hawaii, which shall include:

19 (A) A list of goals established for the high
20 technology sector in the State;

21 (B) A plan to reach the established goals; and

22 (C) A timeline for implementation and completion;



1 (3) Assisting the legislature in maintaining an overall
2 framework to guide the development of high technology
3 in the State by creating guidelines for future high
4 technology legislation; and

5 (4) Submitting recommendations for high technology
6 legislation to meet the goals established in the high
7 technology master plan.

8 (f) The task force shall submit the master plan and a
9 report, including necessary proposed legislation, to the
10 legislature and the governor no later than twenty days prior to
11 the convening of regular session of 2010 and shall issue an
12 updated report every two years thereafter that reassesses the
13 master plan.

14 (g) After the regular session of 2010, the terms of the
15 task force members shall end and the governor shall appoint
16 eight members and the president of the senate and the speaker of
17 the house of representatives shall each nominate eight members
18 to be appointed by the governor.

19 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
21 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the
22 task force to carry out the purposes of this Act.



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1 The sum shall be expended by the high technology
2 development corporation for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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Report Title:

State Master Plan for High Technology; Task Force

Description:

Creates a high technology industry task force, attached to the high technology development corporation, to develop a state master plan for high technology prior to the convening of the 2010 regular session and updated every 2 years thereafter. Changes composition of task force after 2010 regular session.

