
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGH TECHNOLOGY.

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 high technology park,
16 may be the key to preparing Hawaii's current and future
17 workforce for the challenges involved in high technology. There
18 is already a significant demand for an employment anchor from



1 local technology businesses and major defense and aerospace
2 contractors who wish to establish businesses on Oahu. The
3 integration of these areas within the context of an employment
4 anchor would be an important first step in sustaining a vibrant
5 local technology industry.

6 The purpose of this Act is to support Hawaii's high
7 technology industry by:

8 (1) Requiring the department of business, economic
9 development, and tourism to consult with the high
10 technology development corporation to plan for the
11 establishment of a high technology park on the island
12 of Oahu; and

13 (2) Appropriating funds for the construction of
14 infrastructure for the high technology park.

15 SECTION 2. (a) The department of business, economic
16 development, and tourism, shall work with the department of land
17 and natural resources to identify appropriate lands, either
18 public or private, on Oahu that may be acquired for the high
19 technology park.

20 (b) The department of business, economic development, and
21 tourism shall consult with the high technology development
22 corporation to plan for the establishment of a high technology



1 park on Oahu; provided that the plans shall include provisions
 2 for the high technology development corporation to manage and
 3 oversee the park's operations in cooperation with other
 4 government agencies and private entities.

5 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
 7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for land
 8 acquisition, planning, design, equipment, and construction costs
 9 related to the infrastructure for a high technology park on
 10 Oahu.

11 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
 12 business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of
 13 this Act.

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

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Report Title:

High Technology Park

Description:

Establishes a high technology park.

