
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the lucrative jobs
2 of today are, more and more, found within the diverse fields of
3 science and high technology. Economies that ground themselves
4 in science and high technology have found success, armed with a
5 workforce that is well-educated, benefiting from work products
6 that provide for a better lifestyle, and able to compete on a
7 national if not international scale.

8 It is important that first steps be taken by stimulating
9 the interest and achievement of Hawaii's students in this arena,
10 and during the 2007 legislative session, various related
11 programs were established and expanded. However, Hawaii lacks
12 an overall, statewide plan to progress in science and high
13 technology beyond the schools.

14 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to establish a task
15 force to develop the Hawaii state science and technology plan.

16 SECTION 2. (a) There is established the Hawaii state
17 science and technology task force, to be attached to the high



1 technology development corporation for administrative purposes.

2 The task force shall:

3 (1) Evaluate the effectiveness of past and current science
4 and high technology legislation, including legislation
5 relating to industry development, incentives,
6 oversight, and sustainability;

7 (2) Develop the Hawaii state science and technology plan
8 for the direction of science and high technology in
9 Hawaii, which shall include:

10 (A) A list of goals established for the science and
11 high technology sector in the state;

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

13 (C) A timeline for implementation and completion;

14 (3) Assist the legislature in maintaining an overall
15 framework to guide the development of science and high
16 technology in the state by creating guidelines for
17 future science and high technology legislation; and

18 (4) Submit recommendations or proposals for science and
19 high technology legislation to meet the goals
20 established in the plan.

21 (b) The members of the task force shall consist of
22 thirteen members as follows:



- 1 (1) One representative designated by the United States
2 Pacific Command;
- 3 (2) One member appointed by the governor;
- 4 (3) One member appointed by the speaker of the house of
5 representatives;
- 6 (4) One member appointed by the president of the senate;
- 7 (5) The director of the department of business, economic
8 development, and tourism, or the director's designee;
- 9 (6) The superintendent of education, or the
10 superintendent's designee;
- 11 (7) The vice president or interim vice president of
12 research at the University of Hawaii, or the vice
13 president or interim vice president's designee;
- 14 (8) The chancellor of the University of Hawaii at Hilo, or
15 the chancellor's designee;
- 16 (9) One chancellor of a University of Hawaii community
17 college, appointed by the president of the University
18 of Hawaii, or the appointed chancellor's designee;
- 19 (10) The dean of the college of engineering of the
20 University of Hawaii at Manoa;
- 21 (11) One dean of a University of Hawaii college, appointed
22 by the president of the University of Hawaii;



1 (12) The chairperson of the board of directors of the
2 Hawaii strategic development corporation, or the
3 chairperson's designee; and

4 (13) The chairperson of the board of directors of the high
5 technology development corporation, or the
6 chairperson's designee.

7 (c) The members of the task force shall serve without
8 compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including
9 travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties.

10 (d) The task force shall select a chairperson by a
11 majority vote of its members. A majority of the task force
12 shall constitute quorum to do business. The concurrence of a
13 majority of all the members to which the task force is entitled
14 shall be necessary to make any action of the task force valid.

15 (e) The task force shall be exempt from chapter 92, Hawaii
16 Revised Statutes; provided that the task force shall make a good
17 faith effort to make its proceedings and work products
18 accessible and available to the general public in a manner
19 consistent with the intent of chapter 92, Hawaii Revised
20 Statutes.

21 (f) The task force shall submit a report, including the
22 Hawaii state science and technology plan developed pursuant to



1 this section, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
2 to the convening of the regular session of 2009.

3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 to support
6 the operations of the Hawaii state science and technology task
7 force.

8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the high
9 technology development corporation for the purposes of this Act.

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

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Report Title:

Hawaii State Science and Technology Task Force

Description:

Establishes a task force to develop the Hawaii State Science and Technology Plan.

