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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AEROSPACE DEVELOPMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that outer space is the
2 next frontier and an industry in its infancy for the United
3 States. Four decades after the courageous efforts that put
4 human beings on the moon, advances in manufacturing are making
5 it possible for others to experience the thrill and joy of being
6 "weekend astronauts". Space tourism is a potential billion
7 dollar global industry. As a new industry, it holds tremendous
8 economic potential for Hawaii while preserving our precious
9 environment. Besides expanding our sources of revenue, space
10 tourism will provide Hawaii residents the opportunity of highly
11 skilled aerospace jobs without leaving home for the mainland.
12 The Federal Aviation Administration is expected to issue a
13 limited number of licenses for space ports, and accordingly, the
14 legislature finds that it is incumbent on the State to position
15 Hawaii for the economic advantages a license can bring.

16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much



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1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the
 2 office of aerospace development, department of business,
 3 economic development, and tourism, to conduct feasibility
 4 studies for a spaceport and to pay for consultation and other
 5 expenses incurred in making application to the Federal Aviation
 6 Administration for a commercial space transportation license.

7 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
 8 business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of
 9 this Act.

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

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Report Title:

Office of Aerospace Development

Description:

Makes an appropriation for costs associated with applying for a spaceport license from the Federal Aviation Administration.

