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# 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 in a global economy,  
2 businesses need to be current with respect to technological  
3 developments to remain competitive in the marketplace.

4           The legislature also finds that in the past, education was  
5 relegated to the classroom. Today, classrooms can take the form  
6 of university extension services to allow consumers to keep  
7 current with the latest innovations and trends, especially in  
8 the developing and evolving high technology industry.

9           University extension services expand the classroom to include  
10 thousands of consumers and also attract funding for research  
11 activities that directly benefit these non-traditional learners.

12           Additionally, Hawaii's location at the hub of the Pacific  
13 basin provides the State with a unique opportunity to serve the  
14 area as a model for innovative thinking.

15           The purpose of this Act is to establish a university high  
16 technology and innovation extension service.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§304A- Technology and innovation extension service.

5 (a) There is created within the university a technology and  
6 innovation extension service to educate and assist consumers  
7 with up-to-date trends in and the evolution of modern high  
8 technology. The extension service shall solicit outside funding  
9 for research activities to benefit consumers.

10 (b) The extension service shall establish programs  
11 concentrating on high technology, environmental quality,  
12 renewable energy, and other areas of study that stimulate the  
13 use of new technologies and spurs innovation as a means to  
14 sustain and enhance the State's quality of life.

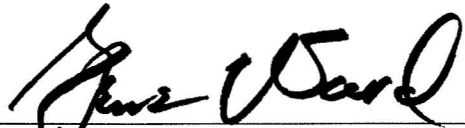


15 (c) The extension service shall be provided to any citizen  
16 of the State; provided that any information generated by the  
17 extension service shall be made available to anyone at no cost."

18 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Technology and Innovation Extension Service; University of Hawaii

**Description:**

Establishes a technology and innovation extension service at the University of Hawaii.

