
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 within the high technology
18 development corporation. The high technology development



1 corporation and, if necessary, the department of business,
2 economic development, and tourism shall provide administrative,
3 professional, technical, and clerical staff support for the task
4 force. The task force shall:

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

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

12 (A) A list of goals established for the science and
13 high technology sector in the State;

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

15 (C) A timeline for implementation and completion;

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

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



1 (b) The members of the task force shall consist of sixteen
2 members as follows:

3 (1) One member selected by Hawaii's most senior United
4 States Senator;

5 (2) The director of business, economic development, and
6 tourism, or the director's designee;

7 (3) The superintendent of education, or the
8 superintendent's designee;

9 (4) One member selected by the chairperson of the board of
10 directors of the high technology development
11 corporation;

12 (5) Three members from the University of Hawaii system,
13 appointed by the president of the University of
14 Hawaii; provided that at least one member shall
15 represent a neighbor island community college;

16 (6) One member selected by the president of the Hawaii
17 island economic development board;

18 (7) One member selected by the president of the Maui
19 economic development board;

20 (8) One member selected by the president of the Kauai
21 economic development board;



1 (9) One member selected by the president of Enterprise
2 Honolulu;

3 (10) Three senior-level business leaders from Hawaii's
4 emerging science and technology sectors, one each to
5 be appointed by the governor, president of the senate,
6 and speaker of the house of representatives;

7 (11) The president of the senate, or the president's
8 designee, to serve as an ex officio non-voting member;
9 and

10 (12) The speaker of the house of representatives, or the
11 speaker's designee, to serve as an ex officio non-
12 voting member.

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

16 (d) The task force shall select a chairperson by a
17 majority vote of its members. A majority of the task force
18 shall constitute quorum to do business. The concurrence of a
19 majority of all the members to which the task force is entitled
20 shall be necessary to make any action of the task force valid.

21 (e) The task force shall be exempt from chapter 92, Hawaii
22 Revised Statutes; provided that the task force shall make a good



1 faith effort to make its proceedings and work products
 2 accessible and available to the general public in a manner
 3 consistent with the intent of chapter 92, Hawaii Revised
 4 Statutes.

5 (f) The task force shall submit a report, including the
 6 Hawaii state science and technology plan developed pursuant to
 7 this section, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
 8 to the convening of the regular session of 2011. The task force
 9 shall also submit to the legislature every five years
 10 thereafter, an updated report that reassesses the plan.

11 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
 13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 and the
 14 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
 15 2010-2011 to support the operations of the Hawaii state science
 16 and technology task force.

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

19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

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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. Appropriates funds.

