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# 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 twelve  
2 members as follows:
- 3 (1) The director of business, economic development, and  
4 tourism, or the director's designee;
- 5 (2) The superintendent of education, or the  
6 superintendent's designee;
- 7 (3) The chairperson of the board of directors of the high  
8 technology development corporation;
- 9 (4) Two members from the University of Hawaii system,  
10 appointed by the president of the University of  
11 Hawaii; provided that at least one member shall  
12 represent a neighbor island community college;
- 13 (5) One member selected by the president of the Hawaii  
14 island economic development board;
- 15 (6) One member selected by the president of the Maui  
16 economic development board;
- 17 (7) One member selected by the president of the Kauai  
18 economic development board;
- 19 (8) Two senior-level business leaders from the Hawaii  
20 Science and Technology Council, one each to be  
21 appointed by the president of the senate and speaker  
22 of the house of representatives;



1 (9) The president of the senate, or the president's  
2 designee, to serve as an ex officio nonvoting member;  
3 and

4 (10) The speaker of the house of representatives, or the  
5 speaker's designee, to serve as an ex officio  
6 nonvoting member.

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 submit a report, including the  
16 Hawaii state science and technology plan developed pursuant to  
17 this section, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
18 to the convening of the regular session of 2011. The task force  
19 shall also submit to the legislature every five years  
20 thereafter, an updated report that reassesses the plan.

21 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
22 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 and the  
2 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
3 2010-2011 to support the operations of the Hawaii state science  
4 and technology task force.

5 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the high  
6 technology development corporation for the purposes of this Act.

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



**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. (HB610 HD1)

