
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BUSINESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that it is lagging in
2 economic growth and creation of new high-paying jobs.

3 The purpose of this Act is to assist in the job creation
4 process by establishing an office of entrepreneurship and job
5 creation in office of the governor.

6 SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
7 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
8 as follows:

9 **"CHAPTER**

10 **OFFICE OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND JOB CREATION**

11 § -1 **Definitions.** For purposes of this chapter, unless
12 the context clearly requires otherwise:

13 "Applicant" means any person acting on the person's own
14 behalf or who is authorized to act on behalf of any other person
15 for the purpose of securing required permits to engage in
16 business activities in the State.

17 "Office" means the office of entrepreneurship and job
18 creation established in section -2.



1 "Permit" means any license, certificate, registration, or
2 any other form of authorization required by a federal, state, or
3 county department or agency to engage in any business activity,
4 excluding vocational and professional occupational licenses,
5 certificates, or registration and environmental permits.

6 "Person" means any individual, proprietorship, partnership,
7 association, cooperative, corporation, nonprofit organization,
8 and any other organization required to obtain one or more
9 permits for the conduct of its business activities.

10 "Small business" means a for-profit enterprise consisting
11 of fewer than one hundred full-time or part-time employees.

12 "State agency" means any department, board, bureau,
13 commission, division, office, council, or agency of the State, a
14 public benefit corporation, or public authority having at least
15 one member appointed by the governor.

16 § -2 Office of entrepreneurship and job creation
17 established; staff. (a) There is established within the office
18 of the governor an office of entrepreneurship and job creation
19 that shall serve the needs of the small business community
20 through promotion, planning, and the providing of services to
21 assist small businesses in understanding and participating in



1 job growth through permit application processing and public
2 procurements in the State.

3 (b) The office shall be headed by a small business czar
4 who shall be appointed by the governor without regard to chapter
5 76 and shall serve at the governor's pleasure and without
6 compensation. The small business czar may employ such other
7 personnel as are required to carry out the functions of the
8 center under this chapter.

9 § -3 **General functions; powers and duties.** The office
10 shall have the following functions, powers, and duties:

- 11 (1) Meet regularly with the small business community to
12 align state policies to job creation policies;
- 13 (2) Provide comprehensive information on permits required
14 for business activities in the State;
- 15 (3) Provide comprehensive information on the public
16 procurement process;
- 17 (4) Facilitate contacts between the applicant and state
18 agencies with permit or procurement functions;
- 19 (5) Establish a collaborative network with other business
20 service organizations and chambers of commerce to
21 assure the voice of small business is represented at
22 the highest policy levels of government;



- 1 (6) Provide an annual report on "the state of small
2 business" to the office of the governor;
- 3 (7) Research, compile, and maintain a file of current bids
4 and proposals for public contracts solicited by state
5 and county agencies and military defense contracts of
6 the United States Department of Defense;
- 7 (8) Make regular public pronouncements and promotional
8 activities to motivate and inform the Hawaii small
9 business community about the importance of and the
10 mechanics of implementing job creation policies;
- 11 (9) Publicize the center's services to the public, and
12 provide information on its services for inclusion in
13 any public informational material for permits provided
14 by a state agency.

15 § -4 **Cooperation from state agencies.** The small
16 business czar may request and shall be entitled to receive from
17 any state agency, such assistance, services, facilities, or
18 support personnel and data the small business czar deems
19 necessary to carry out the duties of the office.

20 § -5 **Immunity from liability.** The opinions offered and
21 the services rendered by the office under this chapter shall be
22 considered facilitative in nature and the office shall not be






1 liable for any consequences resulting from any advice dispensed
2 from the office."

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

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Report Title:

Office of the Governor; Small Business

Description:

Establishes and funds the Office of Entrepreneurship and Job Creation and the position of small business czar in the Office of the Governor.

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