
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to address economic
2 development by identifying, as state policy, the key economic
3 sectors that are essential to the growth and diversification of
4 the economy of Hawaii. Additionally, this Act intends to create
5 long-term support for the key economic sectors that are pillars
6 for economic diversification in the State by identifying some of
7 the essential projects within these economic sectors and
8 expressing support for these projects as key elements in
9 building these industries into successful economic drivers for
10 Hawaii's people in the long term.

11 SECTION 2. It shall be the policy of the State to
12 delineate the key economic sectors of importance for economic
13 diversification in Hawaii and to identify some of the key
14 projects within these sectors that are important to the long-
15 term growth and success of these industries. It is the intent
16 of the State to complete or facilitate completion of the
17 following key projects within the following sectors by December



1 31, 2023, as a material way to support and advance these
2 industries:

3 (1) Renewable energy:

4 Renewable energy production facilities that meet the
5 goals of the first decade of the Hawaii clean energy
6 initiative and facilitate the development of a smart
7 grid system and electrical interconnectivity between
8 Oahu and the neighbor islands.

9 (2) Broadband:

10 Fund and develop infrastructure that provides coverage
11 for one hundred per cent of land in the State that is
12 zoned for business, commercial, industrial, hotel, or
13 resort use and land used for higher education
14 instruction or research and to connect all key state
15 facilities and buildings by high speed broadband with
16 an emphasis on wireless connectivity.

17 (3) Infrastructure and construction:

18 Repair, upgrade, and build state-of-the-art harbors,
19 airports, and other transportation projects that
20 provide for the quick, reliable, and affordable
21 transportation of people and goods, and the building
22 of housing and other commercial facilities, including:



1 (A) The airport modernization project of the
2 department of transportation, as it exists as of
3 the effective date of this section;

4 (B) The harbor modernization project of the
5 department of transportation, as it exists as of
6 the effective date of this section;

7 (C) The locally preferred alternative mass transit
8 system of the city and county of Honolulu; and

9 (D) The 690 Pohukaina street mixed-use transit-
10 oriented development project.

11 (4) Aerospace:

12 To leverage Hawaii's position in the Pacific among
13 thirty-eight other space-faring Pacific nations as
14 well as the State's unique environment, which is
15 essential for the development and testing of new
16 technologies to be used in aerospace, lunar, and near-
17 earth object exploration and research as well as
18 economic development, including;

19 (A) The thirty-meter telescope on Mauna Kea;

20 (B) The pacific international space center for
21 exploration systems aerospace research and



1 development park in Hilo and the international
2 lunar research park near Mauna Kea;

3 (C) A next generation avionics and pilot training
4 facility in Oahu; and

5 (D) An extreme environments center and other earth
6 science initiatives within the University of
7 Hawaii.

8 (5) Visitor industry:

9 To ensure the continued development of the needed
10 workforce for the various service industries that
11 visitors demand of a world-class vacation destination,
12 including:

13 (A) The Culinary Institute of the Pacific on the
14 slope of Diamond Head; and

15 (B) A community college campus in West Hawaii.

16 (6) Film and digital media:

17 To grow and expand Hawaii's film and digital media
18 industry by creating an environment that will
19 incentivize more film production in Hawaii and
20 transform it into a robust industry by facilitating
21 the development of both the physical infrastructure as



1 well as the workforce needed for the industry to grow,
2 including:

3 (A) Development of two major film studios with at
4 least one of the studios on a neighbor island;
5 and

6 (B) Development of digital animation and post-
7 production facilities with at least one facility
8 on the neighbor islands.

9 (7) Military:

10 Work to support the United States military and other
11 federal defense partners by continuing to support
12 adequate training, repair, and building facilities to
13 support the operational and defense capacity of the
14 United States armed forces in the Pacific region,
15 including:

16 (A) Supporting and incentivizing current and future
17 use of Pearl Harbor shipyard for naval
18 shipbuilding and ship repair; and

19 (B) Supporting the current uses at Pohakuloa training
20 area and the pacific missile range facility at
21 Barking Sands, Kauai.

22 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.



Report Title:

Economic Development; Specific Ten-Year Projects; State Policy

Description:

Expresses as state policy the delineation of the key economic sectors of importance for economic diversification in Hawaii and identification of key projects within those sectors that are important to the long-term growth and success of those industries. Effective July 1, 2012. (HB2145 HD2)

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