
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND INNOVATION
AGENCY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that to be successful in
2 the twenty-first century global economy, Hawaii must position
3 itself as a leader in science and technology. Innovation in
4 science and technology fields will not only allow the State to
5 succeed in the global marketplace, but will also support
6 Hawaii's sustainable development goals. This will require a
7 commitment to the development of a highly capable workforce that
8 is able to compete in a technological environment.

9 The legislature further finds that any such advancement
10 will require a combined effort on the part of multiple state and
11 community sectors to improve communication across government,
12 private, and academic entities; to develop networks capable of
13 sustained collaboration; and to prepare today's students to be
14 tomorrow's leaders.

15 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish the
16 Hawaii science, technology, and innovation agency through a
17 collaboration between the University of Hawaii at Hilo and



1 Hawaii community college to focus the State's efforts toward
2 these ends.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by adding a new subpart to part IV to be appropriately
5 designated and to read as follows:

6 " . HAWAII SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND INNOVATION AGENCY

7 **§304A- Hawaii science, technology, and innovation**

8 **agency; establishment.** (a) There is established the Hawaii

9 science, technology, and innovation agency through a

10 collaboration between the University of Hawaii at Hilo and

11 Hawaii community college.

12 (b) The purpose of the agency shall be to:

13 (1) Develop systemic models that will create new values
14 regarding science, technology, and innovation, and
15 prepare Hawaii's post-secondary students to advance
16 the State's welfare and prosperity in the future;

17 (2) Prepare a highly capable workforce that is able to
18 support and sustain a high technology society and
19 economy;

20 (3) Generate scientific and technological innovation
21 through the development of formal and informal
22 networks between academia and private industry;



1 (4) Support the development and activities of personnel
2 who are able to advance and deploy science and
3 technology while enhancing communication networks
4 between the public and science- and technology-related
5 professionals;

6 (5) Advance and deploy science and technology for
7 sustainable development in the State; and

8 (6) Play a leadership role in the State's science and
9 technology sector within both the State and a global
10 society.

11 (c) The qualifying standards and conditions related to the
12 receipt of funds under chapter 42F shall not apply to funds
13 received by the Hawaii science, technology, and innovation
14 agency; provided that if the agency contracts in turn with a
15 recipient or provider, then the qualifying standards,
16 conditions, and other provisions of chapter 42F shall apply to
17 the recipient or provider and the contract.

18 (d) To receive state funds, the Hawaii science,
19 technology, and innovation agency shall:

20 (1) Be licensed or accredited in accordance with federal,
21 state, or county laws, rules, or ordinances to conduct



- 1 the activities or provide the services for which the
2 funds are appropriated;
- 3 (2) Comply with all applicable federal and state laws
4 prohibiting discrimination against any person on the
5 basis of race, color, national origin, religion,
6 creed, sex, age, sexual orientation, disability, or
7 other protected class;
- 8 (3) Agree not to use state funds for entertainment or
9 lobbying activities;
- 10 (4) Be incorporated pursuant to chapter 414D;
- 11 (5) Have been determined and designated to be a tax-exempt
12 organization by the Internal Revenue Service;
- 13 (6) Maintain bylaws or policies that describe the manner
14 in which the activities or services for which a grant
15 or subsidy is awarded shall be conducted or provided;
16 and
- 17 (7) Include only members on the governing board who have
18 no material conflict of interest and serve without
19 compensation.
- 20 (e) The agency shall have the authority to enter into
21 purchase of power agreements.



1 (f) The agency shall have the authority to execute its
2 duties under the purchase of power agreements throughout the
3 affected tax map key areas.

4 (g) The comptroller and state auditor shall have the
5 authority to examine the agency's use of state funds.

6 **§304A- Patents, copyrights, and other rights.** Any
7 patents, copyrights, inventions, discoveries, or other rights
8 arising from agency activities shall belong to the agency and
9 shall be subject to such policies or rules as the board of
10 governors may adopt.

11 **§304A- Annual report.** The Hawaii science, technology,
12 and innovation agency shall submit an annual report to the
13 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
14 each regular session. The report shall include an explanation
15 of facility maintenance and other functions and activities
16 undertaken with state funds in the previous fiscal year."

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Description:

Establishes the Hawaii Science, Technology, and Innovation Agency through a collaboration between UH Hilo and Hawaii Community College.

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