
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL SPACE CENTER FOR
EXPLORATION SYSTEMS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Pacific
2 international space center for exploration systems, including
3 its proposed aerospace research technology park project, is an
4 economic driver for the island of Hawaii that promotes the
5 establishment and growth of new sustainable and green industries
6 along with associated jobs, workforce development, internships,
7 and science, technology, engineering, and math education
8 programs. The legislature also finds that the Pacific
9 international space center for exploration systems aerospace
10 research technology park project will attract investment that
11 will help to leverage costs of expanding the island of Hawaii's
12 broadband capacity.

13 The legislature further finds there is a continued need for
14 the Pacific international space center for exploration systems
15 to work closely with the University of Hawaii, but also
16 recognizes the center's need for the flexibility to make swift
17 and independent decisions and take actions in the rapidly



1 evolving aerospace sector to keep Hawaii competitive and
2 attractive to industry partners. Therefore, a transfer of
3 positions from the University of Hawaii to the department of
4 business, economic development, and tourism is needed. This is
5 especially critical with the recent emergence of private
6 commercial space access and a resurgence of global space
7 initiatives. Supporting these initiatives will involve
8 significant private sector investment in the testing, proving,
9 and development of robotics, broadband, energy production,
10 energy storage, recycling, and renewable and sustainable
11 technologies that can have immediate application for the Hawaii
12 economy and the general well-being of the State.

13 The purpose of this Act is to:

- 14 (1) Transfer the Pacific international space center for
15 exploration systems from the University of Hawaii to
16 the department of business, economic development, and
17 tourism; and
- 18 (2) Authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and
19 appropriate funds to construct the Pacific
20 international space center for exploration systems
21 aerospace research technology park project.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 201, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding to part V a new subpart to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 " . PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL SPACE CENTER FOR
5 EXPLORATION SYSTEMS

6 **§201- Pacific international space center for**
7 **exploration systems.** (a) There is established the Pacific
8 international space center for exploration systems, to be
9 administratively attached to the office of aerospace development
10 in the department of business, economic development, and
11 tourism.

12 (b) The space center may employ, subject to chapter 76,
13 technical experts and officers, agents, and employees, permanent
14 and temporary, as required. The space center may also employ
15 officers, agents, and employees, prescribe their duties and
16 qualifications, and fix their salaries, without regard to
17 chapter 76, when in the determination of the board, the services
18 to be performed by those employed are unique and essential to
19 the execution of the functions of the space center.

20 **§201- Pacific international space center for**
21 **exploration systems board of directors; establishment; duties.**

22 (a) There is established the Pacific international space center



1 for exploration systems board of directors, consisting of nine
2 members, to include:

3 (1) The executive director of the space center as an ex-
4 officio voting member;

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

7 (3) The president of the University of Hawaii, or the
8 president's designated representative;

9 (4) The chancellor of the University of Hawaii at Hilo, or
10 the chancellor's designated representative;

11 (5) Three members of the aerospace industry; and

12 (6) Two members from the international aerospace
13 community,

14 to be appointed by the governor, pursuant to section 26-34;
15 provided that of the members appointed under paragraph (5), one
16 member shall be appointed from a list of nominees submitted by
17 the president of the senate, and one member shall be appointed
18 from a list of nominees submitted by the speaker of the house of
19 representatives. One of the members of the aerospace industry
20 shall have experience in international aerospace. The three
21 members of the aerospace industry shall serve four-year
22 staggered terms; provided that the initial appointments shall be



1 as follows: one member shall be appointed for four years; one
2 member shall be appointed for three years; and one member shall
3 be appointed for two years.

4 The board shall select a chairperson from among its
5 members.

6 (b) Five members shall constitute a quorum, whose
7 affirmative vote shall be necessary for all actions by the space
8 center. The members of the board shall serve without
9 compensation, but shall be entitled to necessary expenses,
10 including travel expenses, incurred in the performance of their
11 duties.

12 (c) The director of business, economic development, and
13 tourism shall appoint an executive director to the space center,
14 who shall be exempt from chapter 76. The board shall set the
15 salary and duties of the executive director.

16 **§201- General powers.** (a) The board may:
17 (1) Sue and be sued;
18 (2) Adopt a seal and alter the seal at pleasure;
19 (3) Make and execute contracts and other instruments
20 necessary or convenient to the exercise of its powers;
21 and



1 (4) Adopt bylaws and rules, which shall be exempt from
2 chapter 91, for its organization and internal
3 management, and to carry into effect its purposes,
4 powers, and programs.

5 (b) In addition to other powers conferred upon it, the
6 board may do all things necessary and convenient to carry out
7 the powers expressly provided in this subpart.

8 **§201- Powers and duties of the Pacific international**
9 **space center for exploration systems executive director.** In
10 addition to any other powers and duties provided in this
11 subpart, the executive director shall:

- 12 (1) Oversee, supervise, and direct the planning,
13 evaluation, and coordination of space-related
14 activities, and identify and promote opportunities for
15 expanding and diversifying aerospace-related
16 industries in the State pertaining to the space
17 center;
- 18 (2) Establish partnerships with corporate, government, and
19 University of Hawaii entities that can promote and
20 enhance the State's aerospace industry; and where
21 possible, help to generate additional revenue for the



- 1 University of Hawaii and create classes and other
2 educational opportunities for students;
- 3 (3) Work with the University of Hawaii at Hilo and Hawaii
4 community college to facilitate internships for
5 students with the space center and associated
6 companies;
- 7 (4) Continue to work with the University of Hawaii on
8 course development, teaching, workforce development,
9 and outreach;
- 10 (5) Promote innovative educational and workforce
11 development programs that will enhance public
12 awareness of the space center and enable residents to
13 pursue employment in Hawaii's aerospace industry;
- 14 (6) Act as the public representative of the space center;
- 15 (7) Monitor national and global trends in the aerospace
16 industry and promote global awareness of the space
17 center;
- 18 (8) Pursue projects in the aerospace sector that can be
19 leveraged for improvements to the State's broadband
20 and alternative energy capabilities;
- 21 (9) Serve as a clearinghouse for information on the space
22 center and associated activities;



- 1 (10) Target existing businesses that can provide products
2 or services of importance to the space center and its
3 projects to support the expansion of these businesses
4 in Hawaii;
- 5 (11) Increase contact and maintain liaison with the
6 National Aeronautics and Space Administration, related
7 aerospace organizations, and other federal agencies
8 and facilities;
- 9 (12) Maintain and expand liaisons with local business and
10 citizen groups;
- 11 (13) Work with private landowners in the vicinity to expand
12 opportunities and physical space and appurtenances for
13 the participants in the space center's aerospace
14 research technology park and the international lunar
15 research park;
- 16 (14) Adopt, amend, and repeal rules pursuant to chapter 91
17 necessary to carry out this subpart;
- 18 (15) Contract for services as may be necessary for the
19 purposes of this subpart; and
- 20 (16) Do all other things necessary or proper to carry out
21 the purposes of this subpart."



1 SECTION 3. Chapter 201, part V, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
2 is amended by designating sections 201-71 to 201-75 as subpart A
3 and inserting a title before section 201-71 to read as follows:

4 "A. GENERAL PROVISIONS"

5 SECTION 4. Section 201-71, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended by adding two new definitions to be appropriately
7 inserted and to read as follows:

8 "Board" means the board of directors of the Pacific
9 international space center for exploration systems.

10 "Space center" means the Pacific international space center
11 for exploration systems."

12 SECTION 5. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, all
13 responsibilities of the University of Hawaii heretofore held
14 with regard to the Pacific international space center for
15 exploration systems are transferred to the office of aerospace
16 development of the department of business, economic development,
17 and tourism.

18 SECTION 6. All appropriations, records, equipment,
19 machines, files, supplies, contracts, books, papers, documents,
20 maps, and other personal property heretofore made, used,
21 acquired, or held by the University of Hawaii relating to the
22 functions transferred to the office of aerospace development of



1 department of business, economic development, and tourism shall
2 be transferred with the functions to which they relate.

3 SECTION 7. All rules, policies, procedures, guidelines,
4 and other material adopted or developed by the agencies,
5 divisions, or officers transferred or placed for administrative
6 purposes under this Act, shall remain in full force and effect
7 until amended or repealed by the department of business,
8 economic development, and tourism pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii
9 Revised Statutes.

10 SECTION 8. All deeds, leases, contracts, loans,
11 agreements, permits, or other documents executed or entered into
12 by or on behalf of the agencies, division, or offices
13 transferred or placed for administrative purposes with the
14 department of business, economic development, and tourism by
15 this Act, shall remain in full force and effect.

16 SECTION 9. It is the intent of this Act not to jeopardize
17 the receipt of any federal aid nor to impair the obligation of
18 the State or any agency thereof to the holders of any bond
19 issued by the State or by any such agency, and to the extent,
20 and only to the extent, necessary to effectuate this intent, the
21 governor may modify the strict provisions of this Act, but shall
22 promptly report any such modification with reasons therefor to



1 the legislature at its next session thereafter for review by the
2 legislature.

3 SECTION 10. The director of finance is authorized to issue
4 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
6 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2012-2013
7 for the purpose of constructing the Pacific international space
8 center for exploration systems aerospace research technology
9 park project.

10 SECTION 11. The appropriation made for the capital
11 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
12 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
13 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation
14 unencumbered as of June 30, 2014, shall lapse as of that date.

15 SECTION 12. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the
18 purpose of constructing the Pacific international space center
19 for exploration systems aerospace research technology park
20 project.



1 SECTION 13. The sums appropriated under sections 10 and 12
2 shall be expended by the Pacific international space center for
3 exploration systems for the purposes of this Act.

4 SECTION 14. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 15. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2112.



Report Title:

Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems

Description:

Transfers the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES) from the University of Hawaii to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism's Office of Aerospace Development. Establishes a PISCES board of directors. Appropriates funds. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds. Effective July 1, 2112. (HB2873 HD2)

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