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# 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  
6 industries, associated jobs, workforce development, internships,  
7 and STEM programs. The legislature also finds that the Pacific  
8 international space center for exploration systems aerospace  
9 research technology park project will attract investment that  
10 will help to leverage costs of expanding the island of Hawaii's  
11 broadband capacity.

12           The legislature further finds there is continued need for  
13 Pacific international space center for exploration systems to  
14 work closely with the University of Hawaii, but also recognizes  
15 the need for swift and independent decisions and actions in the  
16 rapidly evolving aerospace sector to keep Hawaii competitive and  
17 attractive to industry partners. This is especially critical



1 with the recent emergence of private commercial space access and  
 2 a resurgence of global space initiatives. Supporting these  
 3 initiatives will involve significant private sector investment  
 4 in the testing, proving, and development in robotics, broadband,  
 5 energy production, energy storage, recycling, and renewable and  
 6 sustainable technologies that can have immediate application and  
 7 use for the Hawaii economy and the general well-being of the  
 8 State.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 201, part V, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
 10 is amended by adding a new subpart B to read as follows:

11 "B. Pacific International Space Center for  
 12 Exploration Systems

13 **§201- Pacific international space center for exploration**  
 14 **systems.** (a) There is established the Pacific international  
 15 space center for exploration systems within the office of  
 16 aerospace development in the department of business, economic  
 17 development, and tourism.

18 (b) The space center may employ, subject to chapter 76,  
 19 technical experts and officers, agents, and employees, permanent  
 20 and temporary, as required. The space center may also employ  
 21 officers, agents, and employees, prescribe their duties and  
 22 qualifications, and fix their salaries, without regard to



1 chapter 76, when in the determination of the board, the services  
2 to be performed are unique and essential to the execution of the  
3 functions of the space center.

4 **§201- Pacific international space center for exploration**  
5 **systems board; establishment; duties.** (a) There is established  
6 the Pacific international space center for exploration systems  
7 board of directors, consisting of seven members, to include the  
8 following:

- 9 (1) The executive director of the Pacific international  
10 space center for exploration systems;
- 11 (2) The director of the office of aerospace development;
- 12 (3) The president of the University of Hawaii or  
13 designated representative;
- 14 (4) The University of Hawaii at Hilo chancellor or  
15 designated representative; and
- 16 (5) Three members of the aerospace industry,  
17 to be appointed by the governor, pursuant to section 26-34;  
18 provided that of the members appointed under paragraph (5), one  
19 member shall be appointed from a list of nominees submitted by  
20 the president of the senate, and one member shall be appointed  
21 from a list of nominees submitted by the speaker of the house of  
22 representatives. The three members of the aerospace industry



1 shall serve four-year staggered terms; provided that the initial  
2 appointments shall be as follows: one member shall be appointed  
3 for four years; one member shall be appointed for three years;  
4 and one member shall be appointed for two years.

5 The board shall select a chairperson and a vice chairperson  
6 from among its members.

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

13 (c) The board shall appoint an executive director, who  
14 shall serve at the pleasure of the board and shall be exempt  
15 from chapter 76. The board shall set the salary and duties of  
16 the executive officer.

17 **§201- General powers.** (a) The board may:

- 18 (1) Sue and be sued;
- 19 (2) Have a seal and alter the seal at pleasure;
- 20 (3) Make and execute contracts and other instruments  
21 necessary or convenient to the exercise of its powers;  
22 and



1 (4) Adopt bylaws and rules, which shall be exempt from  
2 chapter 91, for its organization, internal management,  
3 and to carry into effect its purposes, powers, and  
4 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 SECTION 3. Chapter 201, part V, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
9 is amended by designating sections 201-71 to 201-75 as a new  
10 subpart and inserting a title before section 201-71 to read:

11 "A. General Provisions"

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

15 "Board" means the Pacific international space center for  
16 exploration systems board of directors.

17 "Space center" means the Pacific international space center  
18 for exploration systems."

19 SECTION 5. Section 201-73, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
20 amended to read as follows:



1           **"§201-73 Powers and duties of director.** In addition to  
2 any other powers and duties provided in this part, the director  
3 shall:

4           (1) Oversee, supervise, and direct the planning,  
5 evaluation, and coordination of space-related  
6 activities and identify and promote opportunities for  
7 expanding and diversifying aerospace-related  
8 industries in the State, [~~which may~~] that shall  
9 include a Pacific international space center for  
10 [~~space~~] exploration systems to support space  
11 exploration and settlement;

12           (2) Initiate discussions for private and international  
13 involvement in space-related activities in the State;

14           (3) Assist the University of Hawaii, local companies,  
15 research institutions, and other interested  
16 organizations in establishing partnerships with  
17 corporate, government, and university entities that  
18 can promote and enhance the State's aerospace  
19 industry;

20           (4) Leverage aerospace and related technological  
21 capabilities in the State's academic, public, and  
22 private sectors to enhance the State's ability to

1 procure both federal and private research and  
2 development grants and to increase the State's  
3 competitiveness in national and global aerospace  
4 markets;

5 (5) Promote innovative education and workforce development  
6 programs that will enhance public awareness of the  
7 State's aerospace potential and enable residents to  
8 pursue employment in Hawaii's aerospace industry;

9 (6) Monitor national and global trends in the aerospace  
10 industry and recommend programs and policies that can  
11 support aerospace industry development statewide;

12 (7) Review the effectiveness of present publications,  
13 pamphlets, and other sources of information about  
14 Hawaii's space-related activities produced and  
15 distributed by the State;

16 (8) Serve as a clearinghouse for information on Hawaii's  
17 space-related activities to include but not be limited  
18 to those of the University of Hawaii and federal  
19 agencies located in Hawaii;

20 (9) Target existing businesses that can provide products  
21 or services of importance to the space industry to  
22 support the expansion of these businesses in Hawaii;



- 1       (10) Increase contact and maintain liaison with the
- 2               National Aeronautics and Space Administration and
- 3               other federal agencies and facilities;
- 4       (11) Institute procedures by which citizen input on
- 5               proposed space facilities development shall be invited
- 6               at the earliest possible time in the development
- 7               process;
- 8       (12) Adopt, amend, and repeal rules pursuant to chapter 91
- 9               necessary to carry out this part;
- 10       (13) Contract for services as may be necessary for the
- 11               purposes of this part; and
- 12       (14) Do all other things necessary or proper to carry out
- 13               the purposes of this part."

14       SECTION 6. All rights, powers, functions, and duties of

15 the University of Hawaii pertaining to the Pacific international

16 space center for exploration systems are transferred to the

17 office of aerospace development of the department of business,

18 economic development, and tourism.

19       All officers and employees whose functions are transferred

20 by this Act shall be transferred with their functions and shall

21 continue to perform their regular duties upon their transfer,

22 subject to the state personnel laws and this Act.





1           No officer or employee of the State having tenure shall  
2 suffer any loss of salary, seniority, prior service credit,  
3 vacation, sick leave, or other employee benefit or privilege as  
4 a consequence of this Act, and such officer or employee may be  
5 transferred or appointed to a civil service position without the  
6 necessity of examination; provided that the officer or employee  
7 possesses the minimum qualifications for the position to which  
8 transferred or appointed; and provided that subsequent changes  
9 in status may be made pursuant to applicable civil service and  
10 compensation laws.

11           An officer or employee of the State who does not have  
12 tenure and who may be transferred or appointed to a civil  
13 service position as a consequence of this Act shall become a  
14 civil service employee without the loss of salary, seniority,  
15 prior service credit, vacation, sick leave, or other employee  
16 benefits or privileges and without the necessity of examination;  
17 provided that such officer or employee possesses the minimum  
18 qualifications for the position to which transferred or  
19 appointed.

20           If an office or position held by an officer or employee  
21 having tenure is abolished, the officer or employee shall not  
22 thereby be separated from public employment, but shall remain in



1 the employment of the State with the same pay and classification  
2 and shall be transferred to some other office or position for  
3 which the officer or employee is eligible under the personnel  
4 laws of the State as determined by the head of the department or  
5 the governor.

6 SECTION 7. All appropriations, records, equipment,  
7 machines, files, supplies, contracts, books, papers, documents,  
8 maps, and other personal property heretofore made, used,  
9 acquired, or held by the University of Hawaii relating to the  
10 functions transferred to the office of aerospace development of  
11 the department of business, economic development, and tourism  
12 shall be transferred with the functions to which they relate.

13 SECTION 8. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary,  
14 all responsibilities of the University of Hawaii heretofore held  
15 with regard to the Pacific international space center for  
16 exploration systems are transferred to the office of aerospace  
17 development of the department of business, economic development,  
18 and tourism.

19 SECTION 9. It is the intent of this Act not to jeopardize  
20 the receipt of any federal aid nor to impair the obligation of  
21 the State or any agency thereof to the holders of any bond  
22 issued by the State or by any such agency, and to the extent,



1 and only to the extent, necessary to effectuate this intent, the  
2 governor may modify the strict provisions of this Act, but shall  
3 promptly report any such modification with reasons therefor to  
4 the legislature at its next session thereafter for review by the  
5 legislature.

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

13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
14 business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of  
15 this Act.

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

21 SECTION 12. There is appropriated out of the general  
22 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so



1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for  
2 the purpose of constructing the Pacific international space  
3 center for exploration systems aerospace research technology  
4 park project.

5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
6 business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of  
7 this Act.

8 SECTION 13. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 14. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2020.



**Report Title:**

Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Transfers the Pacific international space center for exploration systems (PISCES) from the University of Hawaii to DBEDT's office of aerospace development. Establishes a PISCES board of directors. Appropriates funds. Authorizes GO bonds. Makes appropriation from general revenues. Effective 1/1/2020. (SD1)

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