
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII ISLAND TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE INSTITUTE.

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 the
4 science and technology fields will not only allow the State to
5 succeed in the global marketplace, but will also support the
6 State's sustainable development goals. The legislature also
7 finds that this will require a commitment to the development of
8 a highly capable workforce that is able to compete in a
9 technological environment.

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

16 The purpose of this Act is to establish the Hawaii island
17 technology exchange institute at the University of Hawaii at
18 Hilo through a collaboration between the University of Hawaii at



1 Hilo and Hawaii community college to focus the State's efforts
2 to achieve these goals.

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 ISLAND TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE INSTITUTE

7 §304A- Hawaii island technology exchange institute;
8 establishment. (a) There is established the Hawaii island
9 technology exchange institute. The institute shall be placed
10 within the University of Hawaii at Hilo through a collaboration
11 between the University of Hawaii at Hilo and Hawaii community
12 college for administrative purposes; provided that the institute
13 may incorporate as a nonprofit corporation to further its
14 objectives.

15 (b) The purposes of the institute shall be to:

- 16 (1) Develop systemic models that will create new values
17 regarding science, technology, and innovation, and
18 prepare Hawaii's post-secondary students to advance
19 the State's welfare and prosperity in the future;
- 20 (2) Prepare a highly capable workforce that is able to
21 support and sustain a high technology society and
22 economy;



- 1 (3) Generate scientific and technological innovation
2 through the development of formal and informal
3 networks between academia and private industry within
4 the United States and other nations;
- 5 (4) Support the economic development and community
6 improvement activities of personnel and organizations
7 who are able to advance and deploy science and
8 technology while enhancing community and communication
9 networks between the public and science- and
10 technology-related professionals and institutions;
- 11 (5) Advance and deploy science and technology for
12 sustainable development in the State; and
- 13 (6) Play a leadership role in the State's science and
14 technology sector within both the State and a global
15 society.
- 16 (c) The qualifying standards and conditions related to the
17 receipt of funds under chapter 42F shall not apply to funds
18 received by the institute; provided that if the institute
19 contracts with a recipient or provider, the qualifying
20 standards, conditions, and other provisions of chapter 42F shall
21 apply to the recipient or provider and the contract.



1 (d) If the institute incorporates, to receive state funds,
2 the institute shall:

3 (1) Be licensed or accredited in accordance with federal,
4 state, or county laws, rules, or ordinances to conduct
5 the activities or provide the services for which the
6 funds are appropriated;

7 (2) Comply with all applicable federal and state laws
8 prohibiting discrimination against any person on the
9 basis of race, color, national origin, religion,
10 creed, sex, age, sexual orientation, disability, or
11 other protected class;

12 (3) Agree not to use state funds for entertainment or
13 lobbying activities;

14 (4) Be incorporated pursuant to chapter 414D;

15 (5) Have been determined and designated to be a tax-exempt
16 organization by the Internal Revenue Service;

17 (6) Maintain bylaws or policies that describe the manner
18 in which the activities or services for which a grant
19 or subsidy is awarded shall be conducted or provided;
20 and

21 (7) Include only members on the governing board, if the
22 institute becomes incorporated, who have no material



1 conflict of interest and who shall serve without
2 compensation.

3 (e) The institute shall seek, receive, and accept from
4 public and private sources, whether located within or without
5 the United States, grants, gifts, devises, bequests, or any
6 other money or property, real, personal, or mixed, tangible or
7 intangible, absolutely or in trust, to be used in carrying out
8 the purposes of the institute.

9 (f) The institute may enter into purchase of power
10 agreements.

11 (g) The institute may execute its duties under the
12 purchase of power agreements throughout the affected tax map key
13 areas.

14 (h) The comptroller and state auditor may examine the
15 institute's use of state funds.

16 §304A- Patents, copyrights, and other rights. Any
17 patents, copyrights, inventions, discoveries, or other rights
18 arising from activities of the institute shall belong to the
19 institute and shall be subject to such policies or rules as the
20 board of regents may adopt.

21 §304A- Annual report. The Hawaii island technology
22 exchange institute shall submit an annual report to the



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1 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
 2 each regular session. The report shall include an explanation
 3 of facility maintenance and other functions and activities
 4 undertaken with state funds in the previous fiscal year."

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

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Report Title:

UH Hilo; Hawaii Community College; Technology Exchange Institute

Description:

Establishes the Hawaii island technology exchange institute administratively attached to University of Hawaii at Hilo through a collaboration between UH Hilo and Hawaii Community College.

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