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

11 Developing such a workforce will require a combined effort
12 between the State and community to improve communication between
13 government, private, and academic entities; to develop networks
14 capable of sustained collaboration; and to prepare today's
15 students to become tomorrow's leaders.

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



1 Hawaii at Hilo and Hawaii community college to focus the State's
2 efforts toward achieving 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) Support the development of new frameworks for post-
17 secondary education to emphasize twenty-first century
18 skills, and prepare Hawaii's post-secondary students
19 to advance the State's welfare and prosperity in the
20 future in the fields of technology development and
21 innovation;



1 (2) Collaborate with the private sector and the community
2 to prepare a highly capable workforce that is able to
3 support and sustain a high-technology society and
4 economy;

5 (3) Develop, implement, and operate a comprehensive
6 technology transfer system to support Hawaii's
7 technology industry;

8 (4) Support the economic development and community
9 improvement activities of personnel and organizations
10 to attract, retain, and reward companies, investors,
11 entrepreneurs, faculty, and students who participate
12 in the institute;

13 (5) Commercialize and generate income for sustainable
14 technology development and commercialization
15 activities; and

16 (6) Provide leadership in the State's science and
17 technology sector within both the State and a global
18 society.

19 (c) The qualifying standards and conditions related to the
20 receipt of funds under chapter 42F shall not apply to funds
21 received by the institute; provided that if the institute
22 contracts with a recipient or provider, the qualifying



1 standards, conditions, and other provisions of chapter 42F shall
2 apply to the recipient or provider and the contract.

3 (d) If the institute incorporates, to receive state funds,
4 the institute shall:

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

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

14 (3) Agree not to use state funds for entertainment or
15 lobbying activities;

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

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

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

22 and



1 (7) Include only members on the governing board who have
2 no material conflict of interest and who shall serve
3 without compensation.

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

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

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

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

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



1 §304A- **Annual report.** The Hawaii island technology
2 exchange institute shall submit an annual report to the
3 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
4 each regular session. The report shall include an explanation
5 of facility maintenance and other functions and activities
6 undertaken with state funds in the previous fiscal year."

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2525.



Report Title:

UH Hilo; Hawaii Community College; Technology Exchange Institute

Description:

Establishes the Hawaii Island Technology Exchange Institute at the University of Hawaii at Hilo through a collaboration between UH Hilo and Hawaii Community College. Effective 1/1/2525.
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