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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII HIGH IMPACT CENTER FOR COMMERCIALIZATION.

**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 technology development, transfer, and  
4 commercialization. Significant progress has been made in the  
5 past years through programs supported by federal and state  
6 initiatives, but more is required to move Hawaii's technology  
7 industry to support local manufacturing and technology  
8 commercialization. Innovation in the science and technology  
9 fields will not only enable the State to succeed in the global  
10 marketplace, but will also support the State's sustainable  
11 economic development goals.

12           The purpose of this Act is to build on the successes of  
13 Hawaii's science and technology industries and establish a  
14 commercialization program, Hawaii High Impact Center for  
15 Commercialization (HI-Impact), to support Hawaii-based small  
16 businesses in fields such as dual-use technology, agriculture  
17 development, molecular manufacturing, humanitarian assistance,  
18 and disaster management and response.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 206M, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§206M- Hawaii high impact center for commercialization.

5 (a) There is established the Hawaii high impact center for  
6 commercialization, to be known as HI-Impact, to support Hawaii-  
7 based small businesses. The center shall be placed within the  
8 high technology development corporation for administrative  
9 purposes; provided that the center may incorporate as an  
10 independent nonprofit corporation to further its objectives.

11 (b) The purposes of the center shall be to:

12 (1) Develop, implement, and operate a comprehensive  
13 technology transfer and commercialization system to  
14 help Hawaii's technology industry include a  
15 manufacturing readiness program, which shall enable  
16 the State's science and technology sector to prepare  
17 for manufacturing, sales, and services;

18 (2) Provide capital to support accelerated  
19 commercialization activities, including those in the  
20 fields of dual-use technology, innovative agriculture  
21 development, molecular manufacturing, humanitarian  
22 assistance, and disaster management and response;



- 1        (3) Provide capital for high-potential business  
2        infrastructure development that helps the enterprise  
3        achieve commercial success;
- 4        (4) Promote high-quality, high-income job opportunities  
5        for Hawaii's residents and graduates of Hawaii's  
6        educational institutions;
- 7        (5) Provide livable-wage jobs to encourage scientists and  
8        engineers to return home to jobs in Hawaii; and
- 9        (6) Encourage high technology companies to continue to  
10       locate operations and facilities in Hawaii by limiting  
11       the need to seek out-of-state venture capital, which  
12       dilutes local ownership.
- 13       (c) If the center incorporates, to qualify for state  
14 funds, the center shall:
- 15       (1) Be organized and governed pursuant to chapter 414D;  
16       (2) Agree not to use state funds for entertainment or  
17       lobbying;
- 18       (3) Be a nonprofit organization exempt from the federal  
19       income tax by the Internal Revenue Service;
- 20       (4) Maintain bylaws or policies specifying the manner in  
21       which grant or subsidy awards for activities or  
22       services shall be conducted or provided; and



1       (5) Maintain a governing board of directors consisting  
2           entirely of persons who have no material conflict of  
3           interest and who serve without compensation.

4       (d) The center may seek, receive, and accept from public  
5       and private sources, whether located in or out of the United  
6       States, grants, gifts, devises, bequests, or any other money or  
7       property, real, personal, or mixed, tangible or intangible,  
8       absolutely or in trust, to be used in carrying out the purposes  
9       of the center.

10       (e) For purposes of this section, "center" means the  
11       Hawaii high impact center for commercialization."

12       SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
14 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for  
15 the Hawaii high impact center for commercialization.

16       The sum appropriated shall be expended by the high  
17 technology development corporation for the purposes of this Act.

18       SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

19       SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 20, 2050;  
20 provided that section 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2014.



**Report Title:**

Hawaii High Impact Center for Commercialization (HI-Impact);  
High Technology Development Corporation; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes the Hawaii high impact center for commercialization  
in the high technology development corporation. Makes an  
appropriation. Effective 1/20/2050. (SD2)

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