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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PACIFIC-ASIA INSTITUTE FOR  
RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to initiate a  
2 revolutionary and innovative public and private partnership to  
3 be known as the Pacific-Asia institute for resilience and  
4 sustainability. The institute is envisioned to provide an  
5 opportunity for a new generation of leaders to emerge who have  
6 the ability to learn from emerging trends and to meet global  
7 challenges. The institute's multi-disciplinary and multi-sector  
8 approach to community resilience addresses a blind spot in the  
9 global discourse of how nations and peoples respond to a wave of  
10 disruptive change that permeates the world.

11 SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by  
12 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read  
13 as follows:

"CHAPTER

PACIFIC-ASIA INSTITUTE FOR RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY

16 § -1 **Purpose.** The purpose of the Pacific-Asia institute  
17 for resilience and sustainability is to develop the next



1 generation of leaders to address the world's most difficult  
2 problems, including climate change, environmental degradation,  
3 public health, sustainable use of natural resources, critical  
4 infrastructure protection, and cyber resilience.

5       §   -2   **Establishment of the Pacific-Asia institute for**  
6 **resilience and sustainability.** (a) There shall be established  
7 a nonprofit entity under chapter 414D named the Pacific-Asia  
8 institute for resilience and sustainability and to be placed  
9 within the office of the lieutenant governor for administrative  
10 purposes only.

11       (b) The institute shall have an interdisciplinary and  
12 educational function that integrates science, social  
13 transformation, and leadership into a coherent regional  
14 framework to achieve community resilience. The institute shall  
15 focus on organizing all academic disciplines, including physical  
16 sciences, social sciences, and applied sciences to address  
17 future needs. The institute shall address the physical, social,  
18 and economic risks and vulnerabilities of the Pacific-Asia  
19 region that may have a global impact.

20       §   -3   **Partnerships.** The institute shall form  
21 partnerships with various entities from the public, private, and  
22 civil sectors, including but not limited to international



1 governmental and nongovernmental organizations, businesses,  
2 universities, research institutes, and foundations.

3 § -4 **Focus; funding.** (a) The institute shall focus on  
4 three core initiatives:

- 5 (1) Sustainability and environment, including issues  
6 concerning energy, water, food security, and climate  
7 change adaptation;
- 8 (2) Global leadership and capacity building, including  
9 international leadership, disaster risk reduction, and  
10 public health systems; and
- 11 (3) Critical community continuity, including cyber  
12 security, information assurance, security technology  
13 business and policy, and all levels of security  
14 awareness.

15 (b) The institute shall operate through multisector  
16 integration and coordination of three core activities:

- 17 (1) Establishing a named fellowship program for resilience  
18 and sustainability that provides a graduate-level  
19 course study for accomplished mid- and senior-level  
20 professionals from Hawaii and the Pacific-Asia region;
- 21 (2) Establishing an interdisciplinary executive master's  
22 degree program to exemplify a "whole of society"



1 approach to address the three core initiatives set out  
2 under subsection (a); and

3 (3) Formation of innovative hubs to provide a platform for  
4 applied research and analysis, consensus building, and  
5 problem solving on a wide variety of issues as  
6 identified by the institute. The hubs shall be  
7 established throughout the Pacific-Asia region. The  
8 hubs shall promote the integration of diverse  
9 expertise, research, and the development of innovative  
10 projects to solve verifiable problems of each country  
11 in the Pacific-Asia region.

12 (c) The institute shall pursue funding from the public and  
13 private sectors, nongovernmental organizations, and research  
14 institutes."

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Pacific-Asia Institute for Resilience and Sustainability

**Description:**

Establishes the Pacific-Asia institute for resilience and sustainability to provide the structure and opportunity for a new generation of leaders to emerge who possess the ability to address Hawaii and the Pacific-Asia region's risks from natural and man-made hazards and to develop solutions for sustainable economic growth within the region's unique physical and cultural diversity. Effective 07/01/2050. (SD1)

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