
A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 229, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, is
2 amended by amending section 3 to read as follows:

3 "SECTION 3. (a) Upon the establishment of the Pacific-
4 Asia institute for resilience and sustainability, the [~~office of~~
5 ~~the lieutenant-governor~~] department of business, economic
6 development, and tourism shall act as the State's liaison,
7 assisting the institute to:

8 (1) Form partnerships with various entities from the
9 public, private, and non-military sectors, including
10 but not limited to international governmental and
11 nongovernmental organizations, businesses,
12 universities, research institutes, and foundations;
13 and

14 (2) Facilitate three core initiatives, as follows:



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

11 (b) The institute may engage in the following activities
12 to facilitate the achievement of the three core initiatives,
13 using a multi-sector integration approach, as follows:

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



1 is inclusive of all of society to address the three
2 core initiatives; 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 may be
6 identified from time to time by the institute. The
7 hubs shall be established throughout the Pacific-Asia
8 region. The hubs shall promote the integration of
9 diverse expertise, research, and the development of
10 innovative projects to solve verifiable problems of
11 each country in the Pacific-Asia region.

12 (c) The institute may pursue funding from the public and
13 private sectors, nongovernmental organizations, and research
14 institutes. The institute shall be eligible for grants and
15 subsidies under chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes."

16 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on February 19,
19 2022.



Report Title:

Pacific-Asia Institute for Resilience and Sustainability

Description:

Amends Act 229, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, to make the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism the State's liaison to the Pacific-Asia Institute for Resilience and Sustainability. (HB2382 HD1)

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