
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:

15 (A) Sustainability and the environment, including
16 issues concerning energy, water, food security,
17 and climate change adaptation;

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1 (B) Global leadership and capacity building,
2 including international leadership, disaster risk
3 reduction, and public health systems; and

4 (C) Critical community continuity, including cyber
5 security, information assurance, security
6 technology business and policy, and all levels of
7 security awareness.

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

11 (1) Establishment of a named fellowship program for
12 resilience and sustainability that provides a
13 graduate-level course study for accomplished mid- and
14 senior-level professionals from Hawaii and the
15 Pacific-Asia region;

16 (2) Establishment of an interdisciplinary executive
17 master's degree program to exemplify an approach that
18 is inclusive of all of society to address the three
19 core initiatives; and

20 (3) Formation of innovative hubs to provide a platform for
21 applied research and analysis, consensus building, and
22 problem solving on a wide variety of issues as may be
23 identified from time to time by the institute. The

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1 hubs shall be established throughout the Pacific-Asia
2 region. The hubs shall promote the integration of
3 diverse expertise, research, and the development of
4 innovative projects to solve verifiable problems of
5 each country in the Pacific-Asia region.

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

10 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY: 

BY REQUEST

JAN 25 2016

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.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Office of the Lieutenant Governor

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PACIFIC-ASIA INSTITUTE FOR RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY.

PURPOSE: To designate the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism as the State's liaison for the Pacific-Asia Institute for Resilience and Sustainability.

MEANS: Amends section 3 of Act 229, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014.

JUSTIFICATION: Pursuant to Act 229, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor was tasked with acting as the State's liaison for the Pacific-Asia Institute for Resilience and Sustainability. Subsequently, Governor Abercrombie tasked his Director of Strategic Initiatives with the duty of working on the Pacific-Asia Institute for Resilience and Sustainability with U.S. Pacific Command and other interested parties. As the responsibility shifted to the Office of the Governor, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor was not engaged with this matter. Under the current Administration, activities related to this matter have been undertaken by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Impact on the public: The proposed bill will designate the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, which has been working on this initiative and currently has more resources and will provide greater influence to help make the endeavor more successful.

Impact on the department and other agencies: The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism has currently been

undertaking this activity so the impact should be minimal.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION:

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: Department of Business, Economic
Development, and Tourism.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.



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**TESTIMONY OF
THE OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2382
Relating to the Pacific-Asia Institute for Resilience and Sustainability**

Chair Kawakami, Vice Chair Kong, and members of the Committee on Economic Development & Business, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor supports Senate Bill No. 2382, which amends Act 229, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, to make the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) the State's liaison to the Pacific-Asia Institute for Resilience and Sustainability.

This measure removes the Office of the Lieutenant Governor as the State's liaison and installs DBEDT as it is the more appropriate agency with better resources in terms of personnel, expertise and experience in this area that the Office of the Lieutenant Governor does not currently possess. Additionally, from the enactment of Act 229, SLH 2014, either the Office of the Governor or DBEDT has acted as the State liaison, initially due to a memorandum that the prior Administration executed that assigned the matter to the Governor's Director of Strategic Initiatives and thereafter through efforts of DBEDT to work with those involved. Additionally, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor has not been approached or contacted regarding this matter since its enactment. It is also unclear as to whether and to what extent the work has continued on this matter due to changes in leadership and command. To that end, should it be determined that continued efforts are not necessary or being undertaken, we would also support a repeal of the law, but would defer to DBEDT on any additional changes.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this measure.



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9:00 am
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in consideration of

HB 2382
**RELATING TO THE PACIFIC-ASIA INSTITUTE FOR
RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY.**

Chair Kawakami, Vice Chair Kong and Members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) **supports** HB 2382, which designates DBEDT as the State's liaison to the Pacific-Asia Institute for Resilience and Sustainability.

DBEDT has been working on this initiative and appreciates the opportunity to serve as the State's liaison by bringing the resources of existing programs to support this endeavor. DBEDT will assist in forming partnerships with various entities that focus on the three core initiatives: sustainability and the environment, including climate change adaptation, technology capacity-building to assist in disaster risk reduction, and community continuity through support for security technology businesses.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.