
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that it is of a matter of
2 statewide concern to support the contributions by the University
3 of Hawaii to the economic health and diversification of the
4 State. The legislature further finds that the timely and
5 efficient commercialization of intellectual property created by
6 basic and applied research at the university will greatly
7 benefit the public and the State.

8 The purpose of this Act is to study and develop plans to
9 establish and implement a center for commercialization at the
10 University of Hawaii.

11 SECTION 2. In preparation for the establishment of a
12 center for commercialization at the University of Hawaii by July
13 1, 2022, the university shall study and develop a plan to
14 establish and implement a center for commercialization, a
15 facility dedicated to fostering an environment conducive to
16 commercializing the intellectual property created by basic and
17 applied research at the university for the benefit of the public



1 and the State. The university shall submit annual reports on
2 its plans for the center for commercialization, including its
3 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
4 legislation, to the legislature no less than twenty days prior
5 to the convening of each regular session, commencing with the
6 regular session of 2018 and ending, with the regular session of
7 2022. The report, shall, among other things, identify and
8 discuss:

- 9 (1) Currently existing resources and facilities at the
10 University of Hawaii or any other state agency,
11 including any applicable regulatory framework or
12 programs, that may be used, consolidated, or
13 incorporated into a center for commercialization;
- 14 (2) Policies, goals, mission statements, and guidelines
15 for a center for commercialization;
- 16 (3) The organizational structure of a center for
17 commercialization;
- 18 (4) Best practices, including organizational structure,
19 employment conditions, public-private partnerships,
20 and research parameters, currently in place at



- 1 universities with a center for commercialization or a
2 similar or comparable program;
- 3 (5) Site selection parameters and site acquisition and
4 development costs for a center for commercialization;
- 5 (6) Estimated construction and operational costs of a
6 center for commercialization;
- 7 (7) Funding and financing sources, other than legislative
8 appropriations, including federal, private, and
9 public-private sources;
- 10 (8) Economic, social, and health benefits to the residents
11 of the State that can be directly attributed to a
12 center for commercialization;
- 13 (9) Any current legal impediments, including statutes or
14 rules regarding technology transfers relating to the
15 research by university employees and the
16 organizational structure of the university;
- 17 (10) Necessary annual legislative appropriations to develop
18 a turnkey plan to establish a center for
19 commercialization; and
- 20 (11) Any other information relevant to establishing a
21 center for commercialization.



1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
 3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the
 4 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
 5 2018-2019 to study and develop plans to establish and implement
 6 a center for commercialization at the University of Hawaii.

7 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University
 8 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017, and
 10 shall be repealed on June 30, 2022.

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Report Title:

University of Hawaii; Research; Center for Commercialization;
Appropriation

Description:

Requires the University of Hawaii to study the development and implementation of a Center for Commercialization to commercially use the intellectual property from research at the University for the benefit of the State and its residents.

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