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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CYBERSECURITY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that cybersecurity is a  
2 matter of state and national concern that requires immediate  
3 attention, particularly in the areas of economic development,  
4 innovation, education, workforce development, readiness, and  
5 resilience. Cyber vulnerabilities and threats impact all of the  
6 residents of this State due to the ubiquity of the State's  
7 telecommunications networks and the Internet. Critical energy,  
8 telecommunication, and water infrastructures and financial,  
9 tourism, military, and other key public and private industries  
10 are vulnerable to cyber threats.

11           The legislature further finds that the State needs to  
12 develop a cyber ecosystem comprising a variety of participants,  
13 including private companies, nonprofit organizations,  
14 government, and individuals who work together to protect Hawaii  
15 from cyber threats.

16           The purpose of this Act is to authorize the University of  
17 Hawaii to participate in and contribute funding for activities



1 related to the development of a Hawaii cyber ecosystem and other  
2 related aspects of cyber security for purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 2. The University of Hawaii is authorized to  
4 participate in and contribute funding for activities related to  
5 the development of a Hawaii cyber ecosystem comprising a variety  
6 of participants, including private companies, nonprofit  
7 organizations, government, and individuals who work together to  
8 protect Hawaii from cyber threats and other related aspects of  
9 cyber security for purposes of this Act, including:

- 10 (1) A comprehensive education curriculum on cybersecurity  
11 that spans the State's middle, intermediate, and high  
12 schools, and continues into higher education;
- 13 (2) Workforce development, including formal classroom  
14 education and experiential learning, to address  
15 Hawaii's unmet need for trained cybersecurity  
16 personnel;
- 17 (3) Innovative approaches to increase Hawaii's  
18 preparedness, readiness, and resilience to cyber  
19 threats; and
- 20 (4) Expansion of Hawaii's innovation economy.



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 allow the University of Hawaii to participate in  
6 and contribute funding for activities related to the development  
7 of a Hawaii cyber ecosystem and other related aspects of cyber  
8 security for purposes of this Act.

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

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Cyber Ecosystem; Cyber Security; University of Hawaii;  
Appropriations

**Description:**

Authorizes and provides funding for the University of Hawaii to participate in and contribute funding for the development of a Hawaii cyber ecosystem and related aspects of cyber security. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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