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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL SPACE CENTER FOR  
EXPLORATION SYSTEMS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 201-76, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) There is established the Pacific international space  
4 center for exploration systems, to be [~~administratively attached~~  
5 ~~to the office of aerospace development in~~] placed within the  
6 department of business, economic development, and tourism[-] for  
7 administrative purposes only."

8 SECTION 2. Section 201-77, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
9 amended to read as follows:

10 "**§201-77 Pacific international space center for**  
11 **exploration systems; board of directors; establishment; duties.**

12 (a) There is established the board of directors of the Pacific  
13 international space center for exploration systems, consisting  
14 of nine members, to include:

15 [~~1) The executive director of the space center as an ex~~  
16 ~~officio, voting member,~~



1       ~~(2)~~ (1) The director of business, economic development,  
2                   and tourism, or the director's designated  
3                   representative;

4       ~~(3)~~ (2) The president of the University of Hawaii, or the  
5                   president's designated representative; ~~[and]~~

6       (3) The chancellor of the University of Hawaii at Hilo, or  
7                   the chancellor's designated representative; and

8       (4) Six members from government, industry, and academia,  
9                   both national and international, with appropriate  
10                  professional interests and backgrounds [~~7~~  
11 ~~to be appointed by the governor, pursuant to section 26-34~~];  
12 provided that of the members appointed under paragraph (4), two  
13 members shall be appointed from a list of nominees submitted by  
14 the president of the senate, two members shall be appointed from  
15 a list of nominees submitted by the speaker of the house of  
16 representatives, and two members shall be appointed by the  
17 governor [~~-~~]; provided further that the members appointed  
18 pursuant to paragraph (4) shall be subject to section 26-34.

19       The board shall select a chairperson from among its  
20 members.



1 (b) Five members shall constitute a quorum, whose  
2 affirmative vote shall be necessary for all actions by the space  
3 center. The members of the board shall serve without  
4 compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for  
5 necessary expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in the  
6 performance of their duties.

7 (c) The [~~director of business, economic development, and~~  
8 ~~tourism~~] board shall appoint an executive director to the space  
9 center[~~, subject to confirmation by the board,~~] who shall be  
10 exempt from chapter 76. The board shall set the salary and  
11 duties of the executive director."

12 SECTION 3. Section 201-80, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 "~~{}~~§201-80~~{}~~ **Pacific international space center for**  
15 **exploration systems; reporting requirement.** The Pacific  
16 international space center for exploration systems shall submit,  
17 no later than September 1 of each year, an annual report to the  
18 legislature that includes:

19 ~~{1}~~ ~~An updated business plan regarding the aerospace~~  
20 ~~technology research and development park project,~~



- 1       ~~(2) Details on any progress made toward the development of~~
- 2           ~~a world class space center in Hawaii;~~
- 3       ~~(3) The development of technologies and any concomitant~~
- 4           ~~effect on the level of resource imports into the~~
- 5           ~~State;~~
- 6       ~~(4) The status of all working relationships with~~
- 7           ~~educational and research institutions and federal~~
- 8           ~~agencies;~~
- 9       ~~(5) Details on any progress made toward the development of~~
- 10           ~~a robotic operator training and certification program;~~
- 11       ~~(6) The level of private sector investment in aerospace~~
- 12           ~~and related industries, including the number and~~
- 13           ~~nature of any partnerships with private industry to~~
- 14           ~~facilitate state based manufacturing and operations~~
- 15           ~~related to green energy technology;~~
- 16       ~~(7) The status of the memorandum of understanding with~~
- 17           ~~Hawaii Techworks and the east Hawaii community~~
- 18           ~~development corporation regarding the cultivation of a~~
- 19           ~~skilled local workforce to support planned~~
- 20           ~~manufacturing operations; and]~~



- 1        (1) A detailed description of each of the space center's  
2        active economic development projects, the status of  
3        each project, and any potential impact each project  
4        may have on the economy of the State;
- 5        (2) A detailed description of each of the space center's  
6        applied research projects, related research grants  
7        applied for and received, the status of each applied  
8        research project, and any potential impact each  
9        project may have on the economy of the State;
- 10       (3) A description of the space center's workforce  
11       development and outreach programs and events;
- 12       (4) The status of all memoranda of understanding or any  
13       other agreements with third parties established to  
14       facilitate the space center's ability to meet its  
15       obligations and objectives; and
- 16       [~~8~~] (5) A detailed statement of assets, liabilities,  
17       revenues, and expenses for each fiscal year ending  
18       June 30."

19       SECTION 4. Beginning in fiscal year 2021-2022, the  
20       department of business, economic development, and tourism shall  
21       establish the Pacific international space center for exploration



1 systems as a separate line item within the department's budget.  
2 Exempt positions shall be created within this separate line item  
3 to match any current position of the Pacific international space  
4 center for exploration that exists on the effective date of this  
5 Act pursuant to the current contract with the research  
6 corporation of the University of Hawaii. These positions shall  
7 be filled pursuant to section 201-76(b), Hawaii Revised  
8 Statutes.

9 SECTION 5. Upon the expiration of the existing operating  
10 contract between the Pacific international space center for  
11 exploration systems and the research corporation of the  
12 University of Hawaii, all rights, powers, functions, duties, and  
13 employees of the Pacific international space center for  
14 exploration systems that are under contract on the effective  
15 date of this Act with the research corporation of the University  
16 of Hawaii are transferred to the department of business,  
17 economic development, and tourism.

18 All employees employed under contract on the effective date  
19 of this Act with the research corporation of the University of  
20 Hawaii and whose functions are transferred to the department of  
21 business, economic development, and tourism pursuant to this Act



1 shall be placed in exempt positions that are otherwise  
2 equivalent to the employees' current positions in rights,  
3 powers, functions, and duties. Employees shall be transferred  
4 without loss of salary, seniority (except as prescribed by  
5 applicable collective bargaining agreements), retention points,  
6 prior service credit, any vacation and sick leave credits  
7 previously earned, and other rights, benefits, and privileges,  
8 in accordance with state personnel laws and this Act; provided  
9 that the employees possess the minimum qualifications and public  
10 employment requirements for the class or position to which  
11 transferred or appointed, as applicable; provided further that  
12 subsequent changes in status may be made pursuant to applicable  
13 civil service and compensation laws.

14 Any employee who, prior to this Act, is exempt from civil  
15 service and is transferred as a consequence of this Act may  
16 retain the employee's exempt status, but shall not be appointed  
17 to a civil service position as a consequence of this Act. An  
18 exempt employee who is transferred by this Act shall not suffer  
19 any loss of prior service credit, vacation or sick leave credits  
20 previously earned, or other employee benefits or privileges as a  
21 consequence of this Act; provided that the employees possess



1 legal and public employment requirements for the position to  
 2 which transferred or appointed, as applicable; provided further  
 3 that subsequent changes in status may be made pursuant to  
 4 applicable employment and compensation laws. The executive  
 5 director of the Pacific international space center for  
 6 exploration systems may prescribe the duties and qualifications  
 7 of these employees and fix their salaries without regard to  
 8 chapter 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

9 SECTION 6. All appropriations, records, equipment,  
 10 machines, files, supplies, contracts, books, papers, documents,  
 11 maps, and other personal property heretofore made, used,  
 12 acquired, or held by the research corporation of the University  
 13 of Hawaii relating to the functions transferred to the  
 14 department of business, economic development, and tourism shall  
 15 be transferred with the functions to which they relate.

16 SECTION 7. All rules, policies, procedures, guidelines,  
 17 and other material adopted or developed by the research  
 18 corporation of the University of Hawaii to implement provisions  
 19 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes that are reenacted or made  
 20 applicable to the department of business, economic development,  
 21 and tourism by this Act shall remain in full force and effect





1 until amended or repealed by the department of business,  
2 economic development, and tourism pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii  
3 Revised Statutes. In the interim, every reference to the  
4 research corporation of the University of Hawaii, executive  
5 director of the research corporation of the University of  
6 Hawaii, or the board of the research corporation of the  
7 University of Hawaii in those rules, policies, procedures,  
8 guidelines, and other material is amended to refer to the  
9 department of business, economic development, and tourism or the  
10 director of business, economic development, and tourism, as  
11 appropriate.

12 SECTION 8. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

DBEDT; Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems

**Description:**

Establishes the Pacific international space center for exploration systems within the department of business, economic development, and tourism for administrative purposes. Amends the composition of the board of directors of the Pacific international space center for exploration systems. Creates an unspecified amount of exempt positions within the Pacific international space center for exploration systems. Transfers the rights, powers, functions, and duties of the employees of the Pacific international space center for exploration systems to the department of business, economic development, and tourism. (SD1)

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