
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INVESTMENT IN INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the development and
2 utilization of innovative technologies will aid in Hawaii's
3 ability to achieve its clean energy and sustainability goals
4 within the aggressive timelines established.

5 The legislature also finds that, "Troubled Waters: Charting
6 a New Fiscal Course for Hawaii", a 2019 report published by the
7 committee on government and civic engagement of the Hawaii
8 Executive Conference, finds that "future natural disaster and
9 climate changes improvements over the next thirty years will
10 likely surpass our current \$15.3 billion estimate". The
11 legislature finds that the State will likely meet its zero
12 emissions clean economy target set forth in section 225P-5,
13 Hawaii Revised Statutes, only through thoughtful
14 interconnectivity and coordination of innovative technologies in
15 the areas of energy, transportation, agriculture, and water.

16 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require the
17 department of business, economic development, and tourism to



1 develop and implement an investment in innovative technologies
2 plan to support the advancement of innovative technologies in
3 the areas of energy, transportation, agriculture, and water.

4 SECTION 2. Section 201-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 "[+]§201-12[+] State program for energy planning and
7 conservation[-]; investment in innovative technologies plan.

8 (a) The department shall develop a state program for energy
9 planning and conservation. The program shall consist of short
10 and long-range planning for the development and promulgation of
11 methods to encourage voluntary conservation of gasoline, diesel
12 oil, natural gas, propane, heating oils, other fuels, and
13 electrical energy, and efficient development of new or
14 alternative sources of such fuels and energy. The information
15 resulting from [~~such~~] these methods [~~is to~~] shall be
16 disseminated to the people of Hawaii through all forms of mass
17 communication media, public and private schools, private and
18 civic organizations, and all other appropriate means. Public
19 information offices of other state and county agencies may be
20 called upon for assistance in the development of [~~such~~] this
21 program.



1 (b) The department shall develop and implement an
2 investment in innovative technologies plan to support the
3 advancement of innovative technologies in the areas of energy,
4 transportation, agriculture, and water. The investment in
5 innovative technologies plan shall:

6 (1) Identify and provide investment moneys or grants to
7 private entities that engage in innovative technology
8 work that:

9 (A) Furthers the State's clean energy and
10 sustainability goals; and

11 (B) Benefits the State's economy through the
12 development and commercialization of innovative
13 technologies; and

14 (2) Be updated annually by the department; and

15 (3) Be published on the department's website no later than
16 January 31 each year.

17 The department may enter into contracts with a Hawaii-based
18 nonprofit organization to develop and implement the investment
19 in innovative technologies plan, including the evaluation and
20 selection of private entities for receipt of any moneys or
21 grants distributed pursuant to this section; provided that any



1 contract entered into pursuant to this subsection shall be in
2 accordance with chapter 103D."

3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the
6 development and implementation of an investment in innovative
7 technologies plan; provided that:

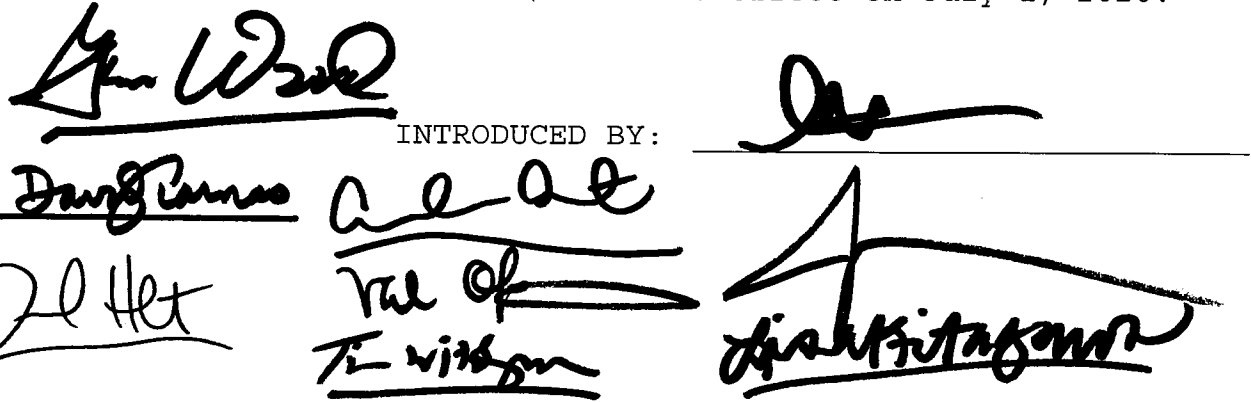




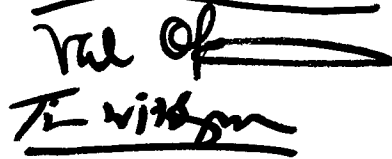

8 (1) \$ shall be appropriated for administrative
9 costs; and

10 (2) \$ shall be appropriated for any contract
11 entered into pursuant to section 2 of this Act.

12 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
13 business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of
14 this Act.

15 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

18  INTRODUCTION BY: 
 
  



H.B. NO. 21⁹⁰

Report Title:

DBEDT; Investment in Innovative Technologies Plan; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to develop and implement an investment in innovative technologies plan to support the advancement of innovative technologies in the areas of energy, transportation, agriculture, and water. Appropriates funds.

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