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# 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;

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  
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for  
6 the development and implementation of an investment in  
7 innovative technologies plan; provided that:

8 (1) \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary  
9 shall be appropriated for administrative costs; and

10 (2) \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary  
11 shall be appropriated for any contract entered into  
12 pursuant to section 2 of this Act.

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

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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

18 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2112.

**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. Takes effect on 7/1/2112. (HD1)

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