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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 206M, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and  
3 to read as follows:  
4                           **"PART       .   HAWAII BROADBAND OFFICE**  
5           **§206M-     Definitions.** As used in this part:  
6           "Broadband" means high-speed internet access that is always  
7 on, including mobile and fixed technologies.  
8           "Corporation" means the Hawaii technology development  
9 corporation.  
10          "Office" means the Hawaii broadband office.  
11          **§206M-     Hawaii broadband office; establishment; state**  
12 **broadband strategy officer; staff.** (a) There is established  
13 the Hawaii broadband office within the Hawaii technology  
14 development corporation.  
15          (b) The chief executive officer of the Hawaii technology  
16 development corporation shall appoint, exempt from chapter 76, a  
17 state broadband strategy officer to head the office. The



1 corporation shall employ any staff as may be necessary for the  
2 purposes of this part; provided that any staff employed pursuant  
3 to this section shall be exempt from chapter 76.

4 §206M- Hawaii broadband office; duties. In furtherance  
5 of the State's objectives and policies for the economy pursuant  
6 to section 226-10.5, the office shall:

7 (1) Develop and implement specific strategies and plans to  
8 aggressively increase broadband affordability,  
9 penetration, and competitive availability in the  
10 State;

11 (2) Support the efforts of both public and private  
12 entities in Hawaii to enhance or facilitate the  
13 deployment of and access to competitively priced,  
14 advanced electronic communications services, including  
15 broadband and its products and services and internet  
16 access services of general application throughout  
17 Hawaii;

18 (3) Promote the landing of trans-Pacific submarine cable,  
19 including the development of a shared access cable  
20 station and associated terrestrial connectivity to  
21 reduce barriers to fiber landing in Hawaii;



1 (4) Promote, advocate, and facilitate the implementation  
 2 of the findings and recommendations of the Hawaii  
 3 broadband task force established by Act 2, First  
 4 Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2007; and

5 (5) Actively seek out funding from private and public  
 6 sources in furtherance of the office's duties pursuant  
 7 to this part.

8 **§206M- Broadband planning and coordination; cooperation.**

9 (a) The office shall:

10 (1) Seek input and the widest possible cooperation from  
 11 public and private agencies and individuals to achieve  
 12 the purposes of this part;

13 (2) Promote coordinated broadband planning; and

14 (3) To the extent feasible, incorporate the ideas and  
 15 suggestions of broadband stakeholders in the office's  
 16 planning directives.

17 (b) Nothing in this part shall be construed to delegate or  
 18 detract in any way from the functions, powers, and duties  
 19 conferred by law or rule on any department or agency of the  
 20 State or county."



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for  
4 the creation and staffing of the Hawaii broadband office,  
5 including the establishment of three full-time equivalent (3.00  
6 FTE) positions that are exempt from chapter 76, Hawaii Revised  
7 Statutes.

8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii  
9 technology development corporation for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



**Report Title:**

Hawaii Technology Development Corporation; Hawaii Broadband Office; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes the Hawaii broadband office within the Hawaii technology development corporation. Appropriates funds for the establishment and staffing for the Hawaii broadband office.  
(SD1)

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