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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO SUPPORT THE CREATION OF THE HAWAII INNOVATION ALLIANCE THAT WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE DUAL USE REPORT AND TO SUPPORT THE OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN THE REPORT TO GROW THE STATE'S INNOVATION SECTOR.

1 WHEREAS, the State has consistently struggled to create a
2 sustainable and successful innovation economy; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Department of Business, Economic Development,
5 and Tourism (DBEDT) submitted the Dual Use Report on the Dual
6 Use Technology Task Force on December 8, 2023, pursuant to
7 Act 121, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021; and

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9 WHEREAS, dual use refers to technologies that can be used
10 for peaceful and military aims; and

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12 WHEREAS, the State's businesses are in an exceptional
13 position to take advantage of the strong presence of the
14 military in the State and the research conducted on its behalf;
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17 WHEREAS, technologies developed for military use have been
18 utilized by businesses in the past with extraordinary success,
19 and these technologies have the potential to significantly
20 contribute to the State's economic recovery and subsequently
21 decrease its reliance on tourism; and

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23 WHEREAS, DBEDT's Dual Use Report recommends:

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25 (1) A specific pathway to bring a sense of unity,
26 formality, and strength to the State's innovation
27 sector;
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29 (2) To build upon the numerous existing state and federal
30 investments under the State's Small Business



1 Association, University of Hawaii, Pacific Asian
2 Center for Entrepreneurship, and the Hawaii Technology
3 Development Corporation;

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5 (3) To focus investments by ensuring funding is based on
6 strategic and targeted outcomes;

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8 (4) To focus on business financial sustainability through
9 encouraging and supporting the businesses that follow
10 a model for long-term financial self-sustainability
11 without a reliance on government grants; and

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13 (5) The proper use of public funds, to be measured through
14 metrics that show a combination of impact and
15 accountability; and

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17 WHEREAS, the Dual Use Report's suggested establishment of
18 the Hawaii Innovation Alliance (HIA) could serve as the unifying
19 brand for service providers to the innovation ecosystem in the
20 State, offering innovators a unified single source of support
21 throughout the entire lifecycle of their business; and

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23 WHEREAS, any government, nonprofit, or for-profit service
24 providers that offer programs or services would be offered
25 through the HIA website; and

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27 WHEREAS, the HIA would employ a community of Innovation
28 Sherpas to serve as personal guides to any dual use business
29 that needs assistance connecting with HIA services; and

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31 WHEREAS, by pairing each small business with a dedicated
32 Innovation Sherpa, the Sherpa builds a long-term relationship
33 with the business, deepening their understanding of the
34 opportunities and challenges unique to the business, and
35 enabling the Sherpa to better align support resources at the
36 appropriate time; now, therefore,

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38 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
39 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the
40 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
41 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to
42 support the creation of the Hawaii Innovation Alliance that was



1 recommended by the Dual Use Report and to support the other
2 recommendations within the report to grow the State's innovation
3 sector; and

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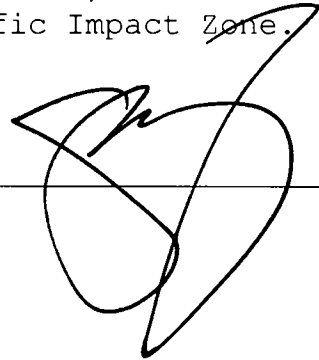
5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the
7 Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and
8 the Chief Executive Officer of the Pacific Impact Zone.

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OFFERED BY: _____

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