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# SENATE 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  
31 Association, University of Hawaii, Pacific Asian  
32 Center for Entrepreneurship, and the Hawaii Technology  
33 Development Corporation;



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- 2 (3) To focus investments by ensuring funding is based on
- 3 strategic and targeted outcomes;
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- 5 (4) To focus on business financial sustainability through
- 6 encouraging and supporting the businesses that follow
- 7 a model for long-term financial self-sustainability
- 8 without a reliance on government grants; and
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- 10 (5) The proper use of public funds, to be measured through
- 11 metrics that show a combination of impact and
- 12 accountability; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Dual Use Report's suggested establishment of  
15 the Hawaii Innovation Alliance (HIA) could serve as the unifying  
16 brand for service providers to the innovation ecosystem in the  
17 State, offering innovators a unified single source of support  
18 throughout the entire lifecycle of their business; and

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

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

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

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35 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
36 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,  
37 that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and  
38 Tourism is requested to support the creation of the Hawaii  
39 Innovation Alliance that was recommended by the Dual Use Report  
40 and to support the other recommendations within the report to  
41 grow the State's innovation sector; and

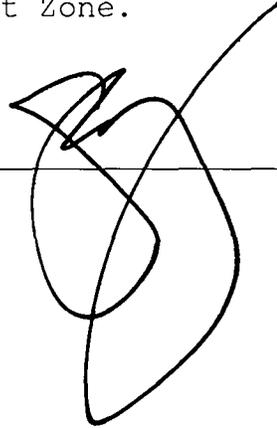
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Department of  
3 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and the Chief  
4 Executive Officer of the Pacific Impact Zone.

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