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HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO INCREASE ITS FOCUS ON ADVANCED MANUFACTURING AND CYBERSECURITY TO BUILD A STRONGER, DIVERSIFIED ECONOMY, CREATE HIGH-WAGE JOB OPPORTUNITIES, AND POSITION HAWAII AS A LEADER IN INNOVATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY IN THE PACIFIC.

WHEREAS, advanced manufacturing refers to the incorporation 1 of various innovative technologies, such as artificial 2 intelligence, 3D printing, and robotics, in the manufacturing 3 4 process; and 5 WHEREAS, advanced manufacturing can enhance efficiency, 6 improve product quality, reduce manufacturing costs, and help 7 promote sustainable production practices; and 8 9 WHEREAS, increasing local manufacturing will lead to a 10 reduction in the State's reliance on imports and help products 11 get to consumers faster; and 12 13 WHEREAS, cybersecurity is the practice of protecting 14 networks, devices, and data from unauthorized access or criminal 15 use and ensuring confidentiality, integrity, and availability of 16 information; and 17 18 WHEREAS, with a large military presence in Hawaii, the 19 State has the opportunity to collaborate with the United States 20 Department of Defense and other federal agencies on 21 cybersecurity initiatives to help protect local businesses; and 22 23 24 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation supports small- and medium-sized manufacturers through an array 25 of programs and services; and 26 27 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation is a 28 29 vital resource for local manufacturers, providing them with the



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1 information and resources they need to improve productivity and 2 infuse innovation into production processes and new products; 3 now, therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 6 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 7 of 2025, that the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation is 8 requested to increase its focus on advanced manufacturing and 9 cybersecurity to build a stronger, diversified economy, create 10 high-wage job opportunities, and position Hawaii as a leader in 11 innovation and national security in the Pacific; and 12

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation is requested to identify manufacturing programs, funding opportunities, and other resources to help local manufacturers develop innovative technologies and prepare the workforce for advanced manufacturing opportunities with the goal of lowering Hawaii's cost of living, increasing selfsufficiency, and ensuring long-term economic sustainability; and 20

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the
Hawaii Technology Development Corporation.

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