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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO INCREASE ITS FOCUS ON ADVANCED MANUFACTURING AND CYBERSECURITY TO ALLOW LOCAL MANUFACTURERS TO EXPAND PRODUCTION, LOWER COSTS, AND CREATE NEW PRODUCTS.

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 8 promote sustainable production practices; and 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 14 WHEREAS, cybersecurity is the practice of protecting networks, devices, and data from unauthorized access or criminal 15 use and ensuring confidentiality, integrity, and availability of 16 17 information; and 18 19 WHEREAS, with a large military presence in Hawaii, the 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 26 of programs and services; and 27 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation is a 28 vital resource for local manufacturers, providing them with the 29 information and resources they need to improve productivity and 30



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1 infuse innovation into production processes and new products; 2 now, therefore, 3 4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third 5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, that the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation is requested 6 7 to increase its focus on advanced manufacturing and cybersecurity to allow manufacturers to expand production, lower 8 9 costs, and create new products; and 10 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation is requested to identify manufacturing 12 programs, funding opportunities, and other resources to help 13 local manufacturers develop innovative technologies and prepare 14 the workforce for advanced manufacturing opportunities with the 15 goal of lowering Hawaii's cost of living, increasing self-16 sufficiency, and ensuring long-term economic sustainability; and 17 18 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the 20 21 Hawaii Technology Development Corporation. 22 23 Lyn Dicite BK 24 OFFERED BY:

