
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY GROWTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that many of the
2 industries that make up Hawaii's broad-based technology sector
3 are showing strong growth and expansion potential. Life science
4 initiatives at the John A. Burns school of medicine and a flurry
5 of technology centers and science initiatives - Mauna Kea
6 astronomy education center, natural energy laboratory of Hawaii
7 authority's gateway energy center, two technology centers in
8 Kauai and Maui - as well as financial support in science and
9 technology infrastructure within the past several years have led
10 to unprecedented opportunities.

11 Building on these opportunities is key to continued
12 expansion in the State. The economic development boards of each
13 county are a vital part of the State's outreach efforts. While
14 the economic development boards have conducted marketing and
15 outreach, building on the "Team Hawaii" concept, they have been
16 unable to participate in most United States mainland exhibitions
17 and conferences due to the lack of funding. The Economic



1 Development Alliance of Hawaii, Inc., a nonprofit umbrella
2 organization for the four county economic development boards,
3 estimates that the economic development boards miss as many as
4 one hundred United States mainland exhibitions and conferences
5 in which the Hawaii technology story could be presented.

6 Currently, presentations are limited by budget constraints and
7 simply do not match the market emphasis or level of other
8 technology sites such as the Raleigh Durham triangle, San
9 Antonio, or San Diego, much less Silicon Valley.

10 The purpose of this Act is to assist the Economic
11 Development Alliance of Hawaii, Inc. and the four county
12 economic development boards in their support of Hawaii's growing
13 technology sector.

14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and
17 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
18 year 2008-2009, for the Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii,
19 Inc. to coordinate marketing, with emphasis on representing
20 Hawaii's technology companies and opportunities on the mainland.



1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
2 of business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes
3 of this Act.

4 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.
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Report Title:

Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii to coordinate marketing, with emphasis on representing Hawaii's technology companies and opportunities on the mainland.

