
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. A sustainable economy is most effectively
2 achieved through an educated workforce. This education includes
3 the short-term training of small business owners and managers
4 who create new jobs and generate greater tax revenues for the
5 state. These increased tax revenues support the social, health,
6 and educational programs of the government.

7 The Hawaii Small Business Development Center Network has
8 promoted a healthy and sustainable economy by providing
9 consulting and training, including management-force training
10 since 1990, to existing small businesses and new ventures across
11 the state. It is the only accredited business assistance
12 organization in Hawaii and the only such organization that
13 conducts third-party annual economic impact studies of its
14 outcomes. Management-force training promotes improvements in
15 the conditions under which small businesses thrive and promotes
16 sustainable economic development.

17 The Hawaii Small Business Development Center Network is
18 also part of a matching-funds program partially funded by the



1 United States Small Business Administration; the University of
2 Hawaii at Hilo; and a consortium of other federal, state, and
3 private-sector sponsors and partners.

4 This investment in human capital will lead to real,
5 sustained growth and high productivity. Funding this Act would
6 generate an annual economic impact of approximately \$29,000,000.
7 This projection is based on an independent economic impact study
8 completed in 2004, *The Annual Economic Impact of the Hawaii*
9 *Small Business Development Center*. According to the study, for
10 every dollar invested by the State, \$4.45 was returned to the
11 State in the first year in new incremental taxes from job
12 creation, retention of existing jobs, and sales increases.

13 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys to the
14 Hawaii Small Business Development Center Network to further its
15 mission of providing assistance to small businesses through
16 management-force training.

17 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$4 or so much thereof
19 as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 to create
20 sustainable economic development through consulting and training
21 services at the Hawaii Small Business Development Center Network
22 as follows:



1 (1) \$1 to fund an existing, but vacant, position for an
2 associate state director;

3 (2) \$1 to re-establish a consulting and training program
4 in Kailua-Kona that will bring the Hawaii Small
5 Business Development Center Network into compliance
6 with the requirements of the United States Small
7 Business Administration;

8 (3) \$1 to fill a vacant position at the Hawaii Business
9 Research Library and at the Honolulu center and to
10 create an additional position at the Honolulu center;
11 and

12 (4) \$1 to restore funds lost to indirect fees.

13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
14 Hawaii at Hilo for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.



Report Title:

Small Business Development; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Hawaii Small Business Development Center Network to provide assistance to small businesses through management-force training. (HB180 HD1)

