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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCIENCE.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that innovative programs  
2 and opportunities can foster excitement and encourage study in  
3 the fields of science and technology, fields in which the United  
4 States and Hawaii are at a comparative disadvantage with other  
5 countries.

6           The purpose of this Act is to create a program that will  
7 encourage study in the fields of science and technology and,  
8 hopefully, be a catalyst for a nationwide program, be a vanguard  
9 for innovation, and lead the way into the Asian-Pacific century.

10          SECTION 2. There is created within the Department of  
11 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism a program to run a  
12 new state competition to be known as the "American Idol of  
13 Science". The format of the competition will be a school  
14 district competition that:

15           (A) will select a winner from that district to represent  
16 the district at the State competition;

17           (B) will be held within the district, and shall include  
18 all schools in the district, public, private, and science,



1 technology, engineering, and math, also known as "STEM",  
2 academies; and

3 (C) will use the qualifications as set forth in this Act.

4 SECTION 3. The State Competition:

5 (A) Will be held at a place designated by the Department  
6 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism;

7 (B) Shall be televised and broadcast via webcast;

8 All broadcast and webcast issues shall be decided at the  
9 discretion of the Department of Business, Economic Development,  
10 and Tourism.

11 In exchange for the prize, the winner shall be used in  
12 future advertisements and promotions for the advancement of  
13 science and technology and the competition.

14 SECTION 4. The competition is open to all schools and  
15 "STEM" academies. There will be 7 judges.

16 (A) One judge shall be the director of Department of  
17 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, or his  
18 designee;

19 (B) One judge shall be the Dean of the University of  
20 Hawaii's College of Business Administration or the  
21 Dean's designee;



1 (C) One judge shall be a teacher, from any high school,  
2 with a science background, as chosen by the Department  
3 of Education;

4 (D) One judge shall be the Speaker of the House or the  
5 Speaker's designee;

6 (E) One judge shall be the President of the Senate or the  
7 President's designee;

8 (F) One judge shall be the Governor of Hawaii or the  
9 Governor's designee; and

10 (G) One judge shall be an at-large judge from the  
11 business, science, technology, or tourism industry,  
12 selected by the Department of Business, Economic  
13 Development and Tourism.

14 The competition will be judged on:

- 15 (1) How innovative the project is;
- 16 (2) How creative the project is;
- 17 (3) How effective the project is in solving a problem  
18 facing Hawaii, through science and technology;
- 19 (4) The quality of the presentation; and
- 20 (5) The use of other disciplines and factors, as  
21 determined by the Department of Business,  
22 Economic Development, and Tourism.



- 1 SECTION 5. The prize for the competition will be:
- 2 (1) First prize is a 4-year scholarship to any school
- 3 within the University of Hawaii system to study
- 4 business or science and technology, a cash prize of
- 5 \$\_\_\_\_\_, and any other award that the Department of
- 6 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism sees fit.
- 7 (2) Second prize is a cash prize of \$\_\_\_\_\_, and any other
- 8 prize that the Department of Business, Economic
- 9 Development, and Tourism sees fit;
- 10 (3) Third prize is a cash prize of \$\_\_\_\_\_, and any other
- 11 prize that the Department of Business, Economic
- 12 Development, and Tourism sees fit; and
- 13 (4) At the discretion of the Department of Business,
- 14 Economic Development, and Tourism can designate any
- 15 honorable mentions or similar designations.

16 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general

17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_, or so

18 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and

19 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal

20 year 2008-2009, to run the American of Idol of Science

21 Competition and fund the prizes.



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 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.  
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**Report Title:**

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**Description:**

Creates a statewide competition of science and technology with a scholarship to the University of Hawaii and other prizes.

