A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AEROSPACE DEVELOPMENT.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that outer space is the
- 2 next frontier and an industry in its infancy for the United
- 3 States. Four decades after the courageous efforts that put
- 4 human beings on the moon, advances in manufacturing are making
- 5 it possible for others to experience the thrill and joy of being
- 6 "weekend astronauts." Space tourism is a potential billion
- 7 dollar global industry. As a new industry, it holds tremendous
- 8 economic potential for Hawaii while preserving our precious
- 9 environment. Besides expanding our sources of revenue, space
- 10 tourism will provide Hawaii residents the opportunity of highly
- 11 skilled aerospace jobs without leaving home for the mainland.
- 12 The Federal Aviation Administration is expected to issue a
- 13 limited number of licenses for space ports, and accordingly, the
- 14 legislature finds that it is incumbent on the State to position
- 15 Hawaii for the economic advantages a license can bring.
- 16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much

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- 1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the
- 2 office of aerospace development, department of business,
- 3 economic development, and tourism, to conduct feasibility
- 4 studies for a spaceport and to pay for consultation and other
- 5 expenses incurred in applying to the Federal Aviation
- 6 Administration for a commercial space transportation license.
- 7 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 8 business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of
- 9 this Act.
- 10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

Report Title:

Office of Aerospace Development

Description:

Makes an appropriation for costs associated with applying for a commercial space transportation license from the Federal Aviation Administration. (HB2259 HD2)

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