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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO A TECHNOLOGY MASTER PLAN.

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

1           SECTION 1. In 1983, the legislature created the high  
2 technology development corporation as a means to facilitate  
3 growth in the high technology industry. Since then, various  
4 measures promoting the continuation of the high technology  
5 industry have been enacted.

6           In 1990, the legislature established the Hawaii strategic  
7 development corporation to encourage development and  
8 diversification by stimulating the investment of private capital  
9 in the State. Act 221, Session Laws of Hawaii 2001, supported  
10 the establishment of high technology companies in Hawaii by  
11 expanding the application of the high technology business  
12 investment tax credit. Further, Act 215, Session Laws of Hawaii  
13 2004, complemented Act 221, by creating the state private  
14 investment fund, which fills the current funding gap for later-  
15 stage Hawaii companies by creating a diversified investment fund  
16 secured by the State.

17           Positive growth in high technology companies and continued  
18 growth in the State's economy indicate that efforts to stimulate



1 the high technology industry by providing venture capital have  
2 been worthwhile. Hawaii has experienced an influx of high  
3 technology companies over the past five years, and many of these  
4 companies are beginning to enter the profitability stage of  
5 their growth. A rising demand for increased incentives and  
6 further support from the State mandates the establishment of  
7 concrete plans and a unified vision for the future of Hawaii's  
8 high technology sector.

9 The legislature finds that a task force focusing on  
10 defining the direction of Hawaii's high technology industry is  
11 the necessary next step in the process of continued growth. The  
12 purpose of this Act is to establish the high technology industry  
13 task force for the State. The primary responsibility of the  
14 task force will be to develop a state master plan for high  
15 technology.

16 SECTION 2. (a) The high technology industry task force is  
17 established within the high technology development corporation.  
18 The high technology development corporation and, if necessary,  
19 the department of business, economic development, and tourism  
20 shall provide all necessary administrative professional,  
21 technical, and clerical staff support for the task force.



1           (b) All members shall serve at the pleasure of the  
2 governor, who shall select the chairperson from among the  
3 members. The task force shall consist of thirteen members to be  
4 appointed by the governor, and shall include:

5           (1) One member from the staff from Hawaii's congressional  
6 delegation, to be nominated by the governor, shall be  
7 invited to serve;

8           (2) One member from the senate to be nominated by the  
9 president of the senate;

10          (3) One member from the house of representatives to be  
11 nominated by the speaker of the house of  
12 representatives;

13          (4) One member from the University of Hawaii to be  
14 nominated by the president of the University of  
15 Hawaii;

16          (5) One member from the department of education to be  
17 nominated by the superintendent of education;

18          (6) One member from the department of business, economic  
19 development, and tourism to be nominated by the  
20 director of business, economic development, and  
21 tourism;



1 (7) One member from the high technology development  
2 corporation to be nominated by the executive director  
3 of the corporation;

4 (8) One member from each county's economic development  
5 board to be nominated by the mayor of that county; and

6 (9) Two members from Hawaii's technology industry, to be  
7 nominated by the chair of the board of directors of  
8 the Hawaii Science and Technology Council.

9 (c) Members of the task force shall serve without pay, but  
10 may be reimbursed for necessary expenses, including travel  
11 expenses incurred in the performance of official duties if funds  
12 are available.

13 (d) The task force shall meet at least quarterly or more  
14 frequently at the discretion of the chairperson.

15 (e) The primary tasks of the task force shall include:

16 (1) Evaluating the effectiveness of past and current high  
17 technology legislation, including Act 215, Session  
18 Laws of Hawaii 2004;

19 (2) Developing a master plan for the direction of high  
20 technology in Hawaii, which shall include:

21 (A) A list of goals established for the high  
22 technology sector in the State;



- 1 (B) A plan to reach the established goals; and  
2 (C) A timeline for implementation and completion;  
3 (3) Assisting the legislature in maintaining an overall  
4 framework to guide the development of high technology  
5 in the State by creating guidelines for future high  
6 technology legislation; and  
7 (4) Submitting recommendations for high technology  
8 legislation to meet the goals established in the high  
9 technology master plan.  
10 (f) The task force shall submit the master plan and a  
11 report, including necessary proposed legislation, to the  
12 legislature and the governor no later than twenty days prior to  
13 the convening of regular session of 2011 and shall issue an  
14 updated report every two years thereafter that reassesses the  
15 master plan.

16 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the tax  
17 administration special fund the sum of \$ or so much  
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 and the  
19 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
20 2010-2011 for the task force to carry out the purposes of this  
21 Act.

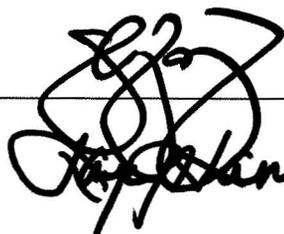
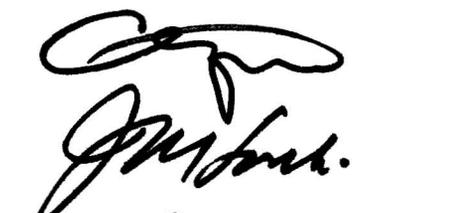
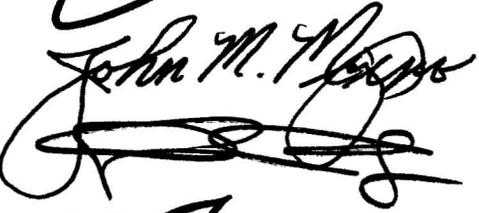
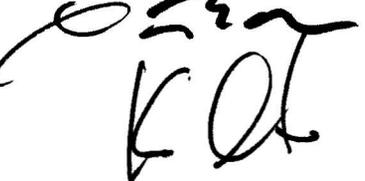


1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the high  
2 technology development corporation.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

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**Report Title:**

State Master Plan for High Technology; Task Force

**Description:**

Creates a high technology industry task force, attached to the high technology development corporation, to develop a state master plan for high technology prior to the convening of the 2011 regular session and updated every 2 years thereafter.

