HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011 STATE OF HAWAII H.B. NO. <sup>526</sup> H.D. 1

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGH TECHNOLOGY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii's technology 2 and defense-related industries have shown strong growth and 3 potential for expansion. By 2012, these industries on Oahu will 4 have an estimated one hundred seventy-six thousand jobs, with 5 more than fifty-one thousand of these being newly-created 6 positions. Thus, the State's workforce needs to be trained to 7 meet the growing demand for highly-skilled, highly-specialized 8 labor in areas such as high technology, defense-aerospace, 9 business, and finance. The State's ability to meet this demand 10 will help shape the future quality of life for many of Hawaii's 11 residents.

12 The legislature further finds that the development of an 13 employment anchor facility, such as a high technology park, will 14 be crucial for preparing Hawaii's current and future workforce 15 to adequately deal with the challenges of working in high 16 technology industries. Demand for an employment anchor facility 17 from local technology businesses and major out-of-state defense 18 and aerospace contractors who wish to establish businesses on HB526 HD1 HMS 2011-2322 

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1 Oahu is already significant and growing. The development of an 2 employment anchor facility in the form of a high technology park 3 is an important first step in creating and sustaining a vibrant 4 high technology industry in the State. 5 The purpose of this Act is to support Hawaii's high 6 technology industry by: 7 (1)Requiring the department of business, economic 8 development, and tourism to consult with the high 9 technology development corporation and the city and 10 county of Honolulu to plan for the establishment of a 11 high technology park on the island of Oahu, and work with the department of land and natural resources and 12 13 the city and county of Honolulu to identify public or 14 private lands that may be acquired for the park; and 15 (2) Appropriating funds for infrastructure to build the 16 park. The department of business, economic 17 SECTION 2. (a) 18 development, and tourism shall work with the department of land 19 and natural resources and the city and county of Honolulu to 20 identify appropriate lands, either public or private, on Oahu 21 that may be acquired for the high technology park.

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The department of business, economic development, and 1 (b) 2 tourism shall consult with the high technology development 3 corporation and the city and county of Honolulu to plan for the 4 establishment of a high technology park on Oahu; provided that 5 the plans shall include provisions for the high technology 6 development corporation to manage and oversee the park's 7 operations in cooperation with other government agencies and 8 private entities.

9 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and the
12 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
13 2012-2013 for land acquisition, planning, design, equipment, and
14 construction costs related to the infrastructure for a high
15 technology park on Oahu.

16 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department 17 of business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes 18 of this Act.

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SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2112.

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**Report Title:** High Technology Park

#### Description:

Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to work with other government entities to plan for a high technology park on Oahu. Appropriates funds. Effective July 1, 2112. (HB526 HD1)

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