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The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives Twenty-Seventh State Legislature State Capitol, Room 431 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kim, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 1, 2014, the following bill was signed into law:

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RELATING TO THE PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL SPACE CENTER FOR EXPLORATION SYSTEMS ACT 169 (14)

NEIL ABERCROMBIE Governor, State of Hawaii STATE OF HAWAII

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL SPACE CENTER FOR EXPLORATION SYSTEMS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Pacific
- 2 international space center for exploration systems stimulates
- 3 economic growth for the State, promoting the establishment and
- 4 growth of new sustainable and green industries, associated jobs,
- 5 workforce development, internships, and science, technology,
- 6 engineering, and mathematics education programs. The Pacific
- 7 international space center for exploration systems has generated
- 8 significant interest in applied research and development for
- 9 planetary surface systems technologies, with participation from
- 10 the public and private sectors, as well as international
- 11 organizations. The Pacific international space center for
- 12 exploration systems is advancing these technologies using the
- 13 world-class, basaltic planetary analog test sites uniquely found
- 14 in the State.
- 15 The legislature further finds that research and development
- 16 in areas of planetary sustainability and resource utilization
- 17 continue to demonstrate considerable potential for advancing



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- 1 dual-use technologies that can assist the State in becoming
- 2 increasingly self-sufficient in renewable energy, broadband
- 3 communications, advanced manufacturing, and other critical areas
- 4 for development, as well as provide multiple opportunities for
- 5 economic and workforce development through strategic
- 6 partnerships with public and private research and development
- 7 groups worldwide. Accordingly, the Pacific international space
- 8 center for exploration systems will continue to explore and
- 9 pursue research and development programs for planetary surface
- 10 system technologies in five strategic areas.
- 11 The first area to be developed is the fabrication of
- 12 basaltic-based construction materials as an alternative to
- 13 cement. Three-dimensional printing is being developed and
- 14 utilized to support a broad range of applications in
- 15 architecture, civil engineering, robotics, and aerospace. The
- 16 Pacific international space center for exploration systems'
- 17 research in basaltic concrete and construction has the potential
- 18 for advancing multiple technologies in additive manufacturing
- 19 for rapid prototyping, parts production, and construction using
- 20 three-dimensional printing with novel materials.
- 21 For example, cement is the traditional "glue" that holds
- 22 aggregates together to form concrete. Cement production is an

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- 1 energy-intensive process that accounts for approximately five to
- 2 seven per cent of global carbon dioxide. Production generates
- 3 high environmental and economic costs, as the State pays a
- 4 premium for cement and imports over three hundred thousand
- 5 metric tons per year to meet demand.
- 6 The Pacific international space center for exploration
- 7 systems can help reduce cement imports and costs by conducting
- 8 applied research that can characterize and advance alternative
- 9 binder technologies, using indigenous and "waste" byproducts of
- 10 the State, to produce basalt-based construction materials for
- 11 building homes, highways, and other structures statewide, in
- 12 partnership with the University of Hawaii, National Aeronautics
- 13 and Space Administration, and industry. Funding allocated
- 14 through this Act will be used to perform applied research in
- 15 three-dimensional printing of fabricated parts using the State's
- 16 basalt fines, as well as researching the use of basalt material
- 17 for construction.
- 18 The second area to be developed is in-situ resource use and
- 19 integrated resource extraction technologies. A key requirement
- 20 for space exploration is the ability to "live off the land"
- 21 using indigenous resources found on planetary surfaces. The
- 22 Pacific international space center for exploration systems has

- 1 acquired a planetary rover on long-term loan from Ontario Drive
- 2 and Gear in Canada to enable the development, testing, and
- 3 validation of integrated resource extraction technologies. The
- 4 goal is to develop and demonstrate end-to-end technologies
- 5 associated with "dust to thrust" capabilities of extracting
- 6 oxygen from Hawaii basalts, filtering the water, separating the
- 7 water into hydrogen and oxygen, pumping gases into a hydrogen
- 8 fueling station, and transferring gases from the refueling
- 9 station into gas cylinders on the rover. This will expand the
- 10 State's role as a premier site for the development, testing, and
- 11 validation of planetary surface system technologies. Funding
- 12 allocated through this Act will be used to design, develop, and
- 13 test an integrated Pacific international space center for
- 14 exploration systems in-situ resource utilization test facility
- 15 with robotics, fuel cells, oxygen extraction, hydrogen storage,
- 16 and aerial and hopper technologies. Funds will also support
- 17 modification of equipment from the National Aeronautics and
- 18 Space Administration, as well as the transportation of equipment
- 19 and selected industry partners to the State for program
- 20 integration.
- 21 The third area to be developed is the planetary analog test
- 22 site. The island of Hawaii's unique geology enables the Pacific

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- 1 international space center for exploration systems to provide a
- 2 world-class test site with terrain that closely simulates the
- 3 surface of the moon and Mars. Since 2007, this site has been
- 4 used to support robotic and other technology testing and
- 5 validation by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration,
- 6 private industry, and international space agencies. Funding
- 7 allocated through this Act will be used to provide the
- 8 additional power, mechanical systems, and communications
- 9 infrastructure required to enable technology testing and
- 10 validation requirements for future robotic and human missions to
- 11 the moon and Mars, which in turn will secure the State's role as
- 12 a global leader in the development of planetary surface system
- 13 technologies.
- 14 The fourth area to be developed is the secondary school
- 15 lunar surface flight experiment. The moon and Mars present
- 16 difficult challenges to exploration, chief among them being
- 17 dust. Surface dust consists mostly of a powder that is abrasive
- 18 and clings stubbornly to surfaces including solar arrays,
- 19 radiators, viewports, and spacesuits. During the Apollo
- 20 missions, three days of exposure to the lunar environment
- 21 rendered some parts of the spacesuit unusable. There also is
- 22 evidence suggesting this dust may be electrostatically charged.



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| 1 | The National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Kennedy |
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| 2 | Space Center has made remarkable breakthroughs in technologies |
| 3 | to counter the dust issue. The technique employed, through an |
| 4 | electric grid, has been shown to lift and transport particles |
| 5 | using electrostatic forces. This technology, while working well |
| 6 | in the laboratory, has never been applied to space applications |
| 7 | on the moon. |
| 8 | The Pacific international space center for exploration |
| 9 | systems, in partnership with the National Aeronautics and Space |
| 10 | Administration's Kennedy Space Center, NanoRacks, and three |
| 11 | Hawaii high schools, will plan, design, develop, and test a |
| 12 | dust-removal experiment to be flown on a 2015 Google Lunar |
| 13 | XPrize mission to the lunar surface. The Pacific international |
| 14 | space center for exploration systems has secured a grant from a |
| 15 | Google Lunar XPrize team to cover the transportation cost to the |
| 16 | lunar surface, valued at \$3,200,000. Funding allocated through |
| 17 | this Act will be used to design, develop, test, and evaluate |
| 18 | flight hardware. |
| 19 | The fifth and final area to be developed is the |
| 20 | international robotics mining competition. The National |
| 21 | Aeronautics and Space Administration lunabotics challenge has |

been among the most successful college robotics competitions.

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- 1 Attracting the best and brightest from around the world, this
- 2 event is held annually at the Kennedy Space Center and combines
- 3 all the hallmarks of science, technology, education, and
- 4 mathematics education, space exploration, and teamwork,
- 5 embracing a "failure is not an option" attitude.
- 6 The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has
- 7 refocused this event as a national competition for college teams
- 8 targeting Mars. There is a demand for a global competition with
- 9 college engineers and space science students. The Pacific
- 10 international space center for exploration systems is working
- 11 with international aerospace contacts to foster regional
- 12 competitions modeled on the National Aeronautics and Space
- 13 Administration lumabotics challenge. Funding allocated through
- 14 this Act will be used to facilitate and coordinate an
- 15 international robotics competition in the State during the
- 16 summer of 2014.
- 17 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
- 18 Pacific international space center for exploration systems for
- 19 general and administrative tasks and to assist in the execution
- 20 of the five planetary surface systems initiatives that will
- 21 advance the State's leadership in aerospace and for general and
- 22 administrative tasks.

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- 1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much
- 3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the
- 4 purpose of executing the Pacific international space center for
- 5 exploration systems' five planetary surface systems initiatives
- 6 described in section 1 of this Act and for the center's general
- 7 and administrative tasks.
- 8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Pacific
- 9 international space center for exploration systems for the
- 10 purposes of this Act.
- 11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

APPROVED this 1 day of JUL , 2014

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII