
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BUSINESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 201, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and
3 to read as follows:

4 **"PART . HAWAII PACIFIC SMALL BUSINESS CONSORTIUM**

5 **§206- Hawaii pacific small business consortium;**
6 **established; purpose; governing board; staff.** (a) There is
7 established the Hawaii pacific small business consortium within
8 the department of business, economic development, and tourism
9 for administrative purposes. The purpose of the Hawaii pacific
10 small business consortium shall be to help small businesses
11 obtain government contracts and to develop business
12 opportunities for small businesses by combining their resources
13 to offer services and solutions to the federal, state, and
14 county governments and the commercial sector.

15 (b) The governing body of the Hawaii pacific small
16 business consortium shall be a board of directors having seven
17 members who shall be appointed by the governor for staggered
18 terms pursuant to section 26-34; provided that:



(1) Each member shall have knowledge, experience, or expertise in small business, international trade, government contracting, or commerce;

(2) No member, nor the spouse, sibling, or child of a member, shall have any financial interest in a Hawaii business entity, including any stock holdings;

(3) No member shall be employed by the University of Hawaii; and

(4) Starting January 1, 2018, the board of directors shall expand to ten members. Three additional members shall be appointed by the governor, pursuant to section 26-34, to represent the business interests of foreign countries in the Pacific Rim.

(c) The members of the board of directors shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in the performance of their duties.

(d) The board of directors shall appoint an executive director, who shall serve at the pleasure of the board of directors and shall be exempt from chapter 76. The board of



1 directors shall set the salary and duties of the executive
2 director.

3 (e) The Hawaii pacific small business consortium shall
4 submit an annual report to the legislature, no later than twenty
5 days prior to the convening of each regular session, on the
6 activities of the Hawaii pacific small business consortium and
7 other accomplishments in the previous fiscal year.

8 **§206- Establishment of the Hawaii pacific small business**
9 **consortium special fund; fees charged.** (a) There is created a
10 special fund to be known as the Hawaii pacific small business
11 consortium special fund into which appropriations made by the
12 legislature and fees and funds collected by the Hawaii pacific
13 small business consortium shall be deposited.

14 (b) The Hawaii pacific small business consortium shall
15 charge businesses it assists a fee of not more than one per cent
16 of the net profits the business generates as a result of the
17 Hawaii pacific small business consortium's assistance.

18 Collected fees shall be placed into the Hawaii pacific small
19 business consortium special fund.

20 (c) Funds in the Hawaii pacific small business consortium
21 special fund shall be expended for:



(1) Operation of the Hawaii pacific small business consortium, including compensation for the executive director;

(2) The support of innovative programs that promote small business development around the Pacific Rim; and

(3) Issuing grants for innovative research and other programs in small business development, entrepreneurship, international trade, or technology development.

(d) All unencumbered and unexpended moneys in excess of \$15,000,000 remaining on balance in the Hawaii pacific small business consortium special fund at the close of June 30 of each year shall lapse to the credit of the state general fund."

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$10,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the sum of \$3,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the Hawaii pacific small business consortium.



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 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.



Report Title:

Hawaii Pacific Small Business Consortium; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the Hawaii pacific small business consortium to support small business in Hawaii and the Pacific Rim and makes an appropriation. (SD1)

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