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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS TEST SITE OPERATIONS.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is a national  
2 need to safely integrate unmanned aerial systems into the  
3 national air space, and that Hawaii offers many unique qualities  
4 to support unmanned aerial systems operations. The legislature  
5 also finds that existing and potential civilian uses of unmanned  
6 aerial systems are wide-ranging, and that Hawaii, in partnership  
7 with Alaska and Oregon, have initiated a pan-Pacific unmanned  
8 aerial systems test range complex as one of six national test  
9 sites established by the Federal Aviation Administration for the  
10 development of unmanned aerial systems operating standards and  
11 regulations to help safely integrate unmanned aerial systems  
12 into the national air space.

13       Act 208, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015 (Act 208), established  
14 a Hawaii unmanned aerial systems test site chief operating  
15 officer position to represent the State on the pan-Pacific  
16 unmanned aerial systems test range complex management team, and  
17 established a Hawaii unmanned aerial systems test site advisory



1 board that, in tandem with the chief operating officer, will  
2 formulate an implementation plan and oversee test site  
3 development in Hawaii. However, the funding appropriated  
4 through Act 208 to cover personnel and operating costs  
5 associated with establishing the Hawaii unmanned aerial systems  
6 test site was not sufficient to effectively launch this program  
7 for the State.

8       The purpose of this Act is to provide the additional  
9 funding required to support procurement and other costs  
10 associated with Hawaii's unmanned aerial systems test site  
11 operations, which will include but not be limited to enlisting  
12 the cooperation of state agencies, establishing formal  
13 agreements with local federal department of defense ranges,  
14 implementing range infrastructure for situational awareness and  
15 secure data sharing, and recruiting government and commercial  
16 customers who will pay to utilize Hawaii's unmanned aerial  
17 systems test range to test and evaluate unmanned aerial systems  
18 toward advancing the procedures, processes, and technologies  
19 required to help safely integrate unmanned aerial systems into  
20 the national air space.



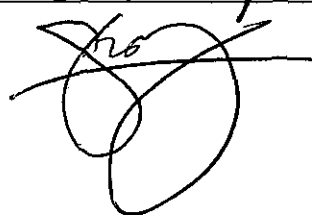
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1       SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$300,000 or so much  
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the  
4 purpose of staffing and operating Hawaii's unmanned aerial  
5 systems test site activities.

6       The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
7 business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of  
8 this Act.

9       SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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**Report Title:**

Unmanned Aerial Systems Test Site Operations; Appropriation

**Description:**

Makes an appropriation to the department of business, economic development, and tourism to operate Hawaii's unmanned aerial systems test site activities.

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