
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that it is a matter of
2 statewide concern to support the contributions of the University
3 of Hawaii to the economic health and diversification of the
4 State. The legislature further finds that the timely and
5 efficient commercialization of intellectual property created by
6 basic and applied research at the university will greatly
7 benefit the public and the State.

8 The purpose of this Act is to establish and implement a
9 center for commercialization at the University of Hawaii.

10 SECTION 2. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by adding a new subpart to part IV to be appropriately
12 designated and to read as follows:

13 " . CENTER FOR COMMERCIALIZATION

14 **§304A- Center for commercialization; establishment.**

15 (a) There is established, within the office of the vice
16 president for research and innovation, a center for
17 commercialization. The center shall be dedicated to fostering



1 an environment conducive to commercializing the intellectual
2 property created by basic and applied research at the University
3 of Hawaii for the benefit of the public and the State.

4 (b) There shall be a director, appointed by the vice
5 president for research and innovation, who shall direct the
6 activities of the center for commercialization."

7 SECTION 3. The director of the center for
8 commercialization shall submit annual reports of findings and
9 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, regarding
10 the activities of and plans for the center for commercialization
11 to the legislature no less than twenty days prior to the
12 convening of each regular session, commencing with the regular
13 session of 2018 and ending with the regular session of 2021.
14 The report, shall, among other things, identify and discuss:

- 15 (1) Currently existing resources and facilities at the
16 University of Hawaii or any other state agency,
17 including any applicable regulatory framework or
18 programs, that may be used, consolidated, or
19 incorporated into the center for commercialization;
- 20 (2) Policies, goals, mission statements, and guidelines
21 for the center for commercialization;



- 1 (3) The organizational structure of the center for
2 commercialization;
- 3 (4) Best practices, including organizational structure,
4 employment conditions, public-private partnerships,
5 and research parameters, currently in place at
6 universities with a center for commercialization or a
7 similar or comparable program;
- 8 (5) Site selection parameters and site acquisition and
9 development costs for the center for
10 commercialization;
- 11 (6) Estimated construction and operational costs of the
12 center for commercialization;
- 13 (7) Funding and financing sources, other than legislative
14 appropriations, including federal, private, and
15 public-private sources;
- 16 (8) Projected economic, social, and health benefits to the
17 residents of the State that can be directly attributed
18 to the center for commercialization;
- 19 (9) Any current legal impediments, including statutes or
20 rules regarding technology transfers relating to the



1 research by university employees and the
 2 organizational structure of the university; and
 3 (10) Any other information relevant to the center for
 4 commercialization.

5 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
 6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
 7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the
 8 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
 9 2018-2019 to establish and implement a center for
 10 commercialization at the University of Hawaii.

11 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University
 12 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.



Report Title:

University of Hawaii; Research; Center for Commercialization;
Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a Center for Commercialization at the University of Hawaii to commercially use intellectual property generated from research at the University for the benefit of the State and its residents. Appropriates funds. (HB909 HD1)

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