A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST SPINLAUNCH.

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

| 1 | SECTION 1. The legislature finds that support for the | | |
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| 2 | development of a small satellite launch system is in the public | | |
| 3 | interest. The legislature further finds that SpinLaunch, Inc., | | |
| 4 | proposes to construct an electrical small satellite launch | | |
| 5 | system on the island of Hawaii. The issuance of special purpose | | |
| 6 | revenue bonds to assist SpinLaunch, Inc., in constructing a | | |
| 7 | portion of its electrical small satellite launch system will | | |
| 8 | make the development of such a system more economically feasible | | |
| 9 | and provide numerous benefits. Among other benefits, it is | | |
| 10 | expected that such a system will: | | |
| 11 | (1) Create a market and a landmark for the first non- | | |
| 12 | rocket based orbital launch technology in the world; | | |
| 13 | (2) Eliminate the need for chemical rocket fuel first | | |
| 14 | stage propulsion and the resulting atmospheric | | |
| 15 | pollution; | | |

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| 1 | (3) | Use solar energy and regenerative braking, an |
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| 2 | | abundant, infinite, and renewable energy resource, to |
| 3 | | provide electrical loading; |
| 4 | (4) | Reduce cost access to space and operating costs |
| 5 | | compared to conventional rocket launch programs; |
| 6 | (5) | Generate millions of dollars in construction project |
| 7 | | spending and create long-term technical jobs relating |
| 8 | | to the operation of the launch facility; |
| 9 | (6) | Help the State, counties, and federal government to |
| 10 | | meet their goals and mandates for expanding access to |
| 11 | | space under the "U.S. Commercial Space Launch |
| 12 | | Competitiveness Act" and facilitate a pro-growth |
| 13 | | environment for the developing commercial space |
| 14 | | industry; and |
| 15 | (7) | Contribute to space exploration, observation, and |
| 16 | | transportation. |
| 17 | The | legislature finds and declares that the issuance of |
| 18 | special p | urpose revenue bonds under this Act is in the public |
| 19 | interest | and for the public health, safety, and general welfare. |
| 20 | SECT | ION 2. Pursuant to part V, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised |
| 21 | Statutes, | the department of budget and finance, with the |

- 1 approval of the governor, is authorized to issue special purpose
- 2 revenue bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$25,000,000, in
- 3 one or more series, for the purpose of assisting SpinLaunch,
- 4 Inc., a Delaware corporation, in financing the costs relating
- 5 to:
- 6 (1) The planning, design, construction, and equipping of;
- 7 and
- 8 (2) The acquisition of land, including easements or other
- 9 interests therein, and other tangible assets for,
- 10 an electrically powered, kinetic launch system to transport
- 11 small satellites into low Earth orbit.
- 12 The legislature hereby finds and determines that the
- 13 construction of an electrically powered, kinetic launch system
- 14 constitutes a project as defined in part V, chapter 39A, Hawaii
- 15 Revised Statutes, and the financing thereof is assistance to an
- 16 industrial enterprise.
- 17 SECTION 3. The special purpose revenue bonds and the
- 18 refunding special purpose revenue bonds issued under this Act
- 19 shall be issued pursuant to part V, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised
- 20 Statutes, relating to the power to issue special purpose revenue
- 21 bonds to assist industrial enterprises.

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- 1 SECTION 4. The department of budget and finance is
- 2 authorized, from time to time, including times subsequent to
- 3 June 30, 2023, to issue special purpose revenue bonds in
- 4 whatever principal amounts the department shall determine to be
- 5 necessary to refund the special purpose revenue bonds authorized
- 6 in section 2 of this Act and to refund special purpose revenue
- 7 bonds authorized in this section, regardless of whether the
- 8 outstanding special purpose revenue bonds or refunding special
- 9 purpose revenue bonds have matured or are the subject of
- 10 redemption or whether the refunding special purpose revenue
- 11 bonds shall be bonds for the multi-project programs described in
- 12 section 2 of this Act. In making this determination, the
- 13 department shall comply with federal law relating to the
- 14 exemption from federal income taxation of the interest on bonds
- 15 of the nature authorized by this section.
- 16 SECTION 5. The authorization to issue special purpose
- 17 revenue bonds under this Act shall lapse on June 30, 2023.
- 18 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

Report Title:

Special Purpose Revenue Bonds; SpinLaunch, Inc.; Satellite Launch System

Description:

Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist SpinLaunch, Inc., with the financing of the planning, design, and construction of a satellite launch system. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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