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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO REMOTE WORK.

**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 section to part I to be appropriately  
3 designated and to read as follows:

4           "§201-       Remote work transition grant program. (a)

5 There is established within the department a remote work  
6 transition grant program to assist businesses in:

7           (1) Converting to virtual offices; or

8           (2) Building remote work capabilities.

9           (b) Grants shall be used to cover expenses associated with  
10 converting the business location to a virtual office or building  
11 remote work capabilities, including but not limited to business  
12 technology equipment, home office equipment, and partial  
13 residential utility costs.

14           (c) In selecting businesses for grants, the department  
15 shall give preference to businesses that can demonstrate:

16           (1) A substantial reduction in year-over-year revenue;

17           (2) Small businesses; or



1           (3) The use of grants will substantially:  
2                   (A) Reduce a high occupancy in a confined shared  
3                   office; or  
4                   (B) Reduce the number of miles cumulatively traveled  
5                   to work by employees;  
6           (d) Awardees shall annually certify and provide  
7 documentation that moneys were expended in accordance with the  
8 provisions of subsection (b) until all moneys are expended.  
9 Failure to certify or provide documentation, or if there is a  
10 finding that moneys were used on expenses not authorized under  
11 this section or rules adopted by the department, the awardee  
12 shall be liable to the State for the amounts not used in  
13 accordance with subsection (b) or rules.  
14           (e) The department shall adopt rules to carry out the  
15 purposes of the grant program.  
16           (f) Chapters 42F and 103D shall not apply to the grants  
17 made pursuant to this section, but all grants made under this  
18 section shall be made only in accordance with the standards and  
19 conditions specified in this section or the rules adopted  
20 pursuant to this section.



1        (g) For purposes of this section, "small business" means a  
2 for-profit corporation, limited liability company, partnership,  
3 limited partnership, sole proprietorship, or other legal entity  
4 that:

- 5        (1) Is domiciled and authorized to do business in Hawaii;  
6        (2) Is independently owned and operated; and  
7        (3) Employs fewer than                      full-time or part-time  
8        employees in Hawaii."

9        SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,000,000 or so much  
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022 and the  
12 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
13 2022-2023 to implement the grant program established under  
14 section 1 of this Act and to issue grants pursuant to that  
15 program.

16        The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
17 of business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes  
18 of this Act.

19        SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.



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1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

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**Report Title:**

DBEDT; Remote Work Transition Grant Program; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes a remote work transition grant program within DBEDT to assist businesses in converting to virtual offices or building remote work capabilities. Appropriates funds.

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