
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DUAL USE TECHNOLOGY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that dual use technology
2 companies in Hawaii are vital to economic growth and a
3 diversified economy. Dual use refers to technologies that can
4 be used for peaceful and military aims. The legislature further
5 finds that Hawaii businesses are in an exceptional position to
6 take advantage of the strong presence of the military in the
7 State and the research conducted on its behalf. However, the
8 legislature additionally finds that the State's focus on tourism
9 has taken away from potentially innovative concepts, new
10 approaches to technology, and the leveraging of existing
11 facilities and military funding. Technologies developed for
12 military use have been appropriated by businesses in the past
13 with extraordinary success, and such technologies have the
14 potential to significantly contribute to Hawaii's economic
15 recovery and subsequently decrease its reliance on tourism.

16 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish a task
17 force to explore how dual use technology can be used to promote
18 the State's economic recovery and diversify its economy.



1 SECTION 2. (a) There is established the dual use
2 technology task force within the department of business,
3 economic development, and tourism for administrative purposes.

4 The dual use technology task force shall:

5 (1) Explore potential dual use technology research and
6 development projects for technology companies;

7 (2) Establish high-growth new venture company
8 infrastructure development for dual use technology
9 companies; and

10 (3) Create ideas for high-income job opportunities for
11 Hawaii's residents and graduates of Hawaii's
12 educational institutions.

13 (b) The dual use technology task force shall consist of
14 the following members:

15 (1) One representative from the department of business,
16 economic development, and tourism, designated by the
17 department's director;

18 (2) One representative from the University of Hawaii;

19 (3) One representative from the Economic Development
20 Alliance of Hawaii, Inc., who shall be jointly
21 selected and invited to participate by the speaker of



1 the house of representatives and president of the
2 senate;

3 (4) One representative from the Hawaii technology
4 development corporation;

5 (5) One representative from the department of labor's
6 workforce development task force; and

7 (6) One representative from the Chamber of Commerce
8 Hawaii, who shall be jointly selected and invited to
9 participate by the speaker of the house of
10 representatives and president of the senate.

11 The speaker of the house of representatives and president
12 of the senate may recommend additional members with appropriate
13 specialized expertise to be invited to participate on the dual
14 use technology task force.

15 (c) Members of the dual use technology task force shall
16 serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for
17 reasonable expenses, including travel expenses, necessary for
18 the performance of their duties.

19 (d) The dual use technology task force shall:

20 (1) Submit a preliminary report of its findings and
21 recommendations, including any proposed legislation,



1 to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to
2 the convening of the regular session of 2023; provided
3 that the preliminary report shall discuss the
4 objectives and issues listed in subsection (a); and

5 (2) Submit a final report of its findings and
6 recommendations, including any proposed legislation,
7 to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to
8 the convening of the regular session of 2025.

9 (e) The department of business, economic development, and
10 tourism shall provide administrative and clerical support as
11 required by the dual use technology task force.

12 (f) For the purposes of this section, "dual use
13 technology" means technology that has military and civilian
14 applications; provided that "dual use technology" may be amended
15 and refined by the task force over time as part of its findings
16 and recommendations.

17 (g) The dual use technology task force shall be dissolved
18 on July 1, 2025.

19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.



S.B. NO. 1421
S.D. 2
H.D. 2
C.D. 1

Report Title:

Dual Use Technology; Economic Recovery; DBEDT; UH; Task Force

Description:

Creates a dual use technology task force within the department of business, economic development, and tourism to explore how dual use technology can be used to promote economic recovery and diversify the State's economy. Requires the task force to submit reports to the legislature prior to the regular sessions of 2023 and 2025. (CD1)

The summary description of legislation appearing on this page is for informational purposes only and is not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.

