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# 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.



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

4           SECTION 2. (a) There is established the dual use  
5 technology task force within the department of business,  
6 economic development, and tourism for administrative purposes.  
7 The dual use technology task force shall:

- 8           (1) Explore potential dual use technology research and  
9           development projects for technology companies;
- 10          (2) Establish high-growth new venture company  
11          infrastructure development for dual use technology  
12          companies; and
- 13          (3) Create ideas for high-income job opportunities for  
14          Hawaii's residents and graduates of Hawaii's  
15          educational institutions.

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

- 18          (1) One representative from the department of business,  
19          economic development, and tourism, designated by the  
20          department's director;
- 21          (2) One representative from the University of Hawaii;



1 (3) One representative from the Economic Development  
2 Alliance of Hawaii, Inc., who shall be jointly  
3 selected and invited to participate by the speaker of  
4 the house of representatives and president of the  
5 senate;

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

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

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

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

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



- 1 (d) The dual use technology task force shall:
- 2 (1) Submit a preliminary report of its findings and
- 3 recommendations, including any proposed legislation,
- 4 to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to
- 5 the convening of the regular session of 2023; provided
- 6 that the preliminary report shall discuss the
- 7 objectives and issues listed in subsection (a); and
- 8 (2) Submit a final report of its findings and
- 9 recommendations, including any proposed legislation,
- 10 to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to
- 11 the convening of the regular session of 2025.
- 12 (e) The department of business, economic development, and
- 13 tourism shall provide administrative and clerical support as
- 14 required by the dual use technology task force.
- 15 (f) For the purposes of this section, "dual use
- 16 technology" means technology that has military and civilian
- 17 applications; provided that "dual use technology" may be amended
- 18 and refined by the task force over time as part of its findings
- 19 and recommendations.



1 (g) The dual use technology task force shall be dissolved  
2 on .  
3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.



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**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. (HD1)

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