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

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

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

8 (6) One representative from Chamber of Commerce Hawaii,
9 who shall be invited to participate.

10 Task force members may recommend additional members with
11 appropriate specialized expertise to be invited to participate
12 on the dual use technology task force.

13 (c) Members of the dual use technology task force shall be
14 exempt from section 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and shall
15 serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for
16 reasonable expenses necessary for the performance of their
17 duties, including travel expenses.

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

19 (1) Submit a preliminary report of its findings and
20 recommendations, including any proposed legislation,
21 to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to



1 the convening of the regular session of 2023; provided
2 that the preliminary report shall discuss the
3 objectives and issues listed in subsection (a); and

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

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

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

16 (g) The dual use technology task force shall be dissolved
17 on .

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



Report Title:

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

Description:

Creates a task force within the department of business, economic development, and tourism consisting of representatives from the university of Hawaii, Hawaii technology development corporation, and the State's technological and business community that explores 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 in 2023 and 2025. Provides that the task force shall be dissolved on an unspecified date. (SD2)

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