
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAII AUTHORITY.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 227D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) There is established the natural energy laboratory of
4 Hawaii authority, which shall be a body corporate and politic
5 and an instrumentality and agency of the State. The authority
6 shall be placed within the department of business, economic
7 development, and tourism for administrative purposes, pursuant
8 to section 26-35. The purpose of the natural energy laboratory
9 of Hawaii authority shall be to facilitate research,
10 development, and commercialization of natural energy resources
11 and ocean-related research, technology, and industry in Hawaii
12 and to engage in retail, commercial, or tourism activities that
13 will financially support that research, development, and
14 commercialization at a research and technology park in Hawaii.
15 Its duties shall include:

16 (1) Establishing, managing, and operating facilities that
17 provide sites for:



- 1 (A) Research and development;
- 2 (B) Commercial projects and businesses utilizing
- 3 natural resources, such as ocean water or
- 4 geothermal energy;
- 5 (C) Compatible businesses engaged in scientific and
- 6 technological investigations, or retail,
- 7 commercial, and tourism activities; and
- 8 (D) Businesses or educational facilities that support
- 9 the primary projects and activities;
- 10 (2) Providing support, utilities, and other services to
- 11 facility tenants and government agencies;
- 12 (3) Maintaining the physical structure of the facilities;
- 13 (4) Promoting and marketing these facilities;
- 14 (5) Promoting and marketing the reasonable utilization of
- 15 available natural resources;
- 16 (6) Supporting ocean research and technology development
- 17 projects that support national and state interests,
- 18 use facilities and infrastructure in Hawaii, and
- 19 foster potential commercial development; [and]
- 20 (7) Engaging in retail, commercial, and tourism activities
- 21 that are not related to facilitating research,



development, and commercialization of natural energy
resources in Hawaii; provided that all income derived
from these activities shall be deposited in the
natural energy laboratory of Hawaii authority special
fund[-]; and

(8) Supporting the research, development, and
commercialization of aquaculture."

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY: _____



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Report Title:

Aquaculture; Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority

Description:

Clarifies that the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority's duties include supporting aquaculture.

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