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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 206M-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3           "(b) The development corporation may provide grants to any  
4 business in Hawaii that:

5           (1) Receives a federal small business innovation research  
6 phase I or II award or contract from any participating  
7 federal agency, up to fifty per cent of the amount of  
8 the federal award or contract;

9           (2) Receives a federal small business technology transfer  
10 program award or contract from any participating  
11 federal agency, up to fifty per cent of the amount of  
12 the federal award or contract;

13           (3) Receives a federal small business innovation research  
14 phase III or small business technology transfer  
15 program phase III award or contract, up to fifty per  
16 cent of the amount of the award or contract funded by  
17 private sector or government sources outside of the  
18 program; or

1           (4) Applies for a small business innovation research  
2                    federal grant or a small business technology transfer  
3                    program federal grant, in an amount not to exceed  
4                    ~~[\$3,000,]~~ \$6,000,  
5 subject to the availability of funds."

6           SECTION 2. Section 206M-15.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
7 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

8           "(a) There is established the manufacturing development  
9 program, through which the development corporation may provide  
10 grants to any business in Hawaii that is a manufacturer in the  
11 State and requires assistance for any of the following items:

- 12           (1) Purchasing of manufacturing equipment;
- 13           (2) Training of employees on the use of new or existing  
14                    manufacturing equipment;
- 15           (3) Improving existing energy efficiency manufacturing  
16                    equipment or the purchase of improved energy  
17                    efficiency equipment in the manufacturing process;  
18                    [ex]
- 19           (4) Purchasing of renewable energy systems, including  
20                    photovoltaic, for the purpose of reducing  
21                    manufacturing energy costs; or

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1            [~~4~~] (5) Studying or planning the implementation of a new  
2            manufacturing facility;  
3 provided that no grant shall exceed twenty per cent of the cost  
4 of any of the above items, and no company shall receive a grant  
5 exceeding \$100,000 in any given year."

6            SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8            SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 

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BY REQUEST

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**Report Title:**

Hawaii Technology Development Corporation; Small Business Innovation Research Grant Program; Small Business Technology Transfer Grant Program; Manufacturing Development Grant Program

**Description:**

Increases the cap for awards to assist businesses applying for the Small Business Innovation Research Grant Program and the Small Business Technology Transfer Grant Program. Adds purchasing of renewable energy systems as an eligible expense and clarifies that training on both new and existing manufacturing equipment is an eligible expense for the Manufacturing Development Grant Program.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

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DEPARTMENT: Business, Economic Development, and Tourism

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

PURPOSE: To increase the cap for awards to assist businesses applying for the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Grant Program and the Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Grant Program. To add purchasing of renewable energy systems as an eligible expense and clarify that training on both new and existing manufacturing equipment is an eligible expense for the Manufacturing Development Grant Program.

MEANS: Amends sections 206M-15(b) and 206M-15.1(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: The Hawaii Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) aims to encourage and assist new applicants to compete for the available federal SBIR or STTR funds by increasing the cap for awards that may be used to contract grant writing assistance. The current cap is no longer sufficient due to increased costs.

HTDC aims to increase workforce productivity and wages by clarifying that training on new or existing manufacturing equipment is an eligible expense for the Manufacturing Development Grant Program. HTDC is also adding purchasing of renewable energy systems as an eligible expense to help manufacturers offset high energy costs in Hawaii.

Impact on the public: Small businesses will be able to secure more grant writing assistance, which will lead to higher award rates. More companies will be eligible to participate in the Manufacturing Development Grant Program.

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Impact on the department and other agencies:  
Administrative rules may need to be amended.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM  
DESIGNATION: BED-143.

OTHER AFFECTED  
AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.