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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. The legislature finds that the Hawaii  
2 technology development corporation's statutory mandate includes  
3 facilitating the growth of the technology industry, supporting  
4 startups, developing technology infrastructure, encouraging  
5 commercialization, coordinating statewide innovation efforts,  
6 and promoting Hawaii as a location for technology-based economic  
7 activity.

8           The legislature adopted House Concurrent Resolution No.  
9 156, Regular Session of 2025, requesting the Hawaii technology  
10 development corporation to increase its focus on advanced  
11 manufacturing and cybersecurity to build a stronger, diversified  
12 economy, create high-wage job opportunities, and position Hawaii  
13 as a leader in innovation and national security in the Pacific.  
14 The legislature also adopted House Resolution No. 67, Regular  
15 Session of 2025, requesting the department of education and  
16 university of Hawaii to assess the criteria required to  
17 establish an educational pipeline and curriculum to ensure that



1 students acquire skills in advanced manufacturing and  
2 cybersecurity. These measures reflect the legislature's  
3 recognition that advanced manufacturing and cybersecurity are  
4 critical enablers of economic resilience, supply chain security,  
5 workforce development, and national competitiveness.

6 The legislature further finds that the Hawaii technology  
7 development corporation previously relied on federal funding  
8 through the National Institute of Standards and Technology's  
9 Manufacturing Extension Partnership to support advanced  
10 manufacturing initiatives statewide. With the termination of  
11 this funding, the Hawaii technology development corporation  
12 lacks sufficient internal capacity to continue these efforts,  
13 respond to legislative direction, and support Hawaii  
14 manufacturers, defense-adjacent industries, and emerging  
15 technology companies.

16 The legislature also finds that effective ecosystem  
17 development also requires sustained investment in marketing,  
18 branding, and outreach to increase awareness of Hawaii's  
19 technology programs, attract talent and investment, and ensure  
20 participation across all islands.



1           The purpose of this Act is to strengthen Hawaii's  
2 technology and innovation ecosystem by appropriating funds to  
3 establish advanced manufacturing and cybersecurity specialist  
4 and marketing and branding specialist positions.

5           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for  
8 the Hawaii technology development corporation to  
9 establish           full-time equivalent (           FTE) permanent  
10 advanced manufacturing and cybersecurity specialist position to  
11 lead statewide initiatives, including but not limited to:

12           (1) Supporting activities formerly funded through the  
13           National Institute of Standards and Technology's  
14           Manufacturing Extension Partnership;

15           (2) Advancing legislative priorities related to advanced  
16           manufacturing and cybersecurity, including ecosystem  
17           coordination and industry support;

18           (3) Providing technical assistance to Hawaii  
19           manufacturers, suppliers, and technology companies to  
20           improve productivity, security, and resilience; and



1 (4) Supporting workforce development, cybersecurity  
2 readiness, and federal grant competitiveness in  
3 advanced manufacturing and related sectors.

4 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii  
5 technology development corporation for the purposes of this Act.

6 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for  
9 the Hawaii technology development corporation to  
10 establish full-time equivalent ( FTE) permanent  
11 marketing and branding specialist position to support the  
12 development corporation's strategic plan, including but not  
13 limited to:

14 (1) Marketing technology programs, facilities, and funding  
15 opportunities administered or supported by the  
16 development corporation;

17 (2) Developing and managing statewide branding efforts to  
18 strengthen Hawaii's technology and innovation  
19 ecosystem;

20 (3) Managing public information, outreach, communications,  
21 and stakeholder engagement;



- 1 (4) Supporting conferences, events, talent-attraction  
2 initiatives, and ecosystem convenings; and  
3 (5) Advancing the objectives of the development  
4 corporation's strategic plan and legislative  
5 priorities.

6 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii  
7 technology development corporation for the purposes of this Act.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3050.



**Report Title:**

HTDC; Advanced Manufacturing and Cybersecurity Specialist;  
Marketing and Branding Specialist; Positions; Appropriations

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to establish advanced manufacturing and cybersecurity specialist and marketing and branding specialist positions. Effective 7/1/3050. (SD1)

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