
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. This direction reflects 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 corporation's strategic plan, including but not limited to:

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

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

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



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

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

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



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 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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