

**ACT 290**

H.B. NO. 1144

A Bill for an Act Relating to Small Business Incubators.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a global economy has matured, wherein goods, products goods, products and services from all over the world are gathered, assembled, processed, and distributed throughout a competitive transnational network.

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The legislature further finds that Hawaii is in the forefront of biotechnology research related to tropical and subtropical environments. The opportunity exists to utilize discoveries in these fields for commercial applications, providing employment and economic opportunities for our people.

There is a need to create a series of small business incubators that serve as development centers that move basic research to the stages of applied research, technology transfer, commercial utilization, and market development.

The purpose of this act is to establish and operate a pilot small business incubator for biotechnology that would conduct research on matters of high priority for Hawaii, provide training in biotechnology research, and develop opportunities and markets for enterprises engaged in biotechnology. These formative activities will enlarge the potential for Hawaii's fledgling businesses.

SECTION 2. In accordance with Section 9 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the appropriation contained in this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 1990-1991 to be exceeded by \$100,000, or 0.0039 per cent. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that the appropriation made in this Act is necessary to serve the public interest and to meet the need provided for by this Act.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1990-1991, to establish and operate a pilot small business incubator in biotechnology research to conduct research and advance training in tropical biotechnology important to Hawaii and to developing countries, especially in the areas of health, agriculture, and marine biology. The incubator shall be a joint project of the department of business and economic development and the University of Hawaii.

SECTION 4. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of business and economic development for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1990.

(Approved June 26, 1990.)