
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGH TECHNOLOGY.

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), (c), and (d) as follows:

3 "(b) The development corporation may provide grants [~~as~~
4 ~~follows:~~

5 ~~(1) Up to the lesser of:~~

6 ~~(A) Fifty per cent of the federal small business~~
7 ~~innovation research phase I award or contract;~~

8 ~~(B) \$25,000 to each business in Hawaii that receives~~
9 ~~a federal small business innovation research~~
10 ~~phase I award or contract from any participating~~
11 ~~federal agency;~~

12 ~~(2) Up to \$25,000 to each business in Hawaii that receives~~
13 ~~a federal small business technology transfer program~~
14 ~~award or contract from any participating federal~~
15 ~~agency; or~~

16 ~~(3) Up to \$3,000 to each business in Hawaii that applies~~
17 ~~for a small business innovation research federal grant~~

1 ~~or small business technology transfer program federal~~
2 ~~grant,]~~ to any business in Hawaii that:

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

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

11 (3) Applies for a small business innovation research
12 federal grant or a small business technology transfer
13 program federal grant, in an amount not to exceed
14 \$3,000,

15 subject to the availability of funds.

16 (c) The development corporation shall adopt rules pursuant
17 to chapter 91 that:

18 (1) Specify the qualifications for eligibility of grant
19 applicants;

20 (2) Establish priorities in determining eligibility in the
21 event that insufficient funds are available to fund
22 otherwise qualified applicants; and

1 (3) Give preference to all qualified businesses receiving
2 their first award [~~in one fiscal year~~] over multiple
3 award grantees.

4 The development corporation may adopt any other rules pursuant
5 to chapter 91 necessary for the purposes of this section.

6 (d) If funds appropriated for the purpose of making grants
7 under this section are inadequate to satisfy all qualified
8 requests, the development corporation [~~shall~~] may apply for
9 funds to be transferred [~~from the Hawaii capital loan revolving~~
10 ~~fund~~] to provide the grants in accordance with subsection (b).
11 The amount of any single transfer of funds shall not exceed
12 \$100,000, and the development corporation shall transfer the
13 entire amount back [~~to the Hawaii capital loan revolving fund~~]
14 within twelve months of receiving the funds. No more than one
15 fund transfer shall be outstanding at any one time. The
16 director of business, economic development, and tourism may
17 transfer funds [~~from the Hawaii capital loan revolving fund~~] to
18 the development corporation upon request to carry out the
19 purposes of this section. Transfers of funds shall be made
20 without any charges or fees."

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

1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect July 1, 2050.

Report Title:

Small Business Innovation

Description:

Clarifies the operation of the high technology research and development loan and grant program to allow the State to catch up to increased federal award amounts. Provides that the High Technology Development Corporation may provide a grant to any small business in Hawaii that receives federal small business innovative research or technology transfer awards. Gives preference to qualified businesses receiving their first award over multiple award grantees. (SD2)