A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL MOON BASE ALLIANCE.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii possesses strategic assets and capabilities that make the State a potential giant in the space industry. Hawaii has a strategic location near the equator in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, resident expertise in aerospace technology, terrain that is like the Moon and Mars, and long-standing ties with space-faring nations worldwide. These features, among others, enable Hawaii to join a global space enterprise that is expected to grow from $350 billion today to more than $1.1 trillion by 2040. Establishing Hawaii as a major player in the space industry now means that its people will benefit from scientific, educational, and commercial potential for generations to come.

For the past half-century, Hawaii has played a seminal role in our national space program. Hawaii has provided astronaut training for the Apollo lunar missions and world-class observatories on the Big Island. Moreover, the University of Hawaii, the United States military, and Hawaii-based companies...
have pioneered nationally-funded programs in planetary geosciences, satellite communications, space-based remote sensing and environmental monitoring, deep-space surveillance, and other cutting-edge applications of aerospace-related technologies.

Recent research commissioned by NASA shows that the Moon provides a logical steppingstone to future space exploration, since it is nearby and contains abundant resources that can both enable interplanetary travel and improve the quality of life on Earth. New economic activity such as asteroid mining, space-based solar power generation and the use of lunar resources could enrich terrestrial civilization, help preserve the Earth's fragile environment and ultimately enable sustainable human exploration to Mars and beyond. A moon base that allows humans to live on the surface of the moon to conduct research and commercial operations, also known as an evolvable lunar architecture, will enable humankind to develop lunar resources, make new discoveries, and expand the near-term frontiers of space exploration.

Sustainable space settlement will require advances in key technologies beyond rocket propulsion, like life support.
systems, telecommunications, power generation, and food production. Testing these technologies on Earth will play an indispensable role in their development and implementation. The island of Hawaii's Moon-like terrain provides an ideal environment for multinational teams to develop, test, and validate technologies. Promoting Hawaii as a venue for this research will create invaluable opportunities for local scientists, engineers, entrepreneurs, and students.

The purpose of this Act is to create a committee called the international moon base alliance comprised of representatives from governmental, industrial, and research institutions to provide recommendations and guidance for the development of a prototype moon base on the island of Hawaii.

SECTION 2. The international moon base alliance shall guide the development and implementation of a prototype Moon base on the island of Hawaii. The alliance shall be composed of representatives from:

(1) Hawaii-based organizations including but not limited to the Hawaii aerospace advisory committee, the Pacific international space center for exploration systems, the Hawaii space flight laboratory at the
University of Hawaii at Manoa, and the Hawaii space exploration analog and simulation program;

(2) The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, including but not limited to the Space Portal at the Ames Research Center and the Exploration Integration and Science Office at the Johnson Space Center;

(3) Other appropriate federal agencies, including but not limited to the Federal Aviation Administration, the United States Pacific Command, and the United States Army Pacific Command;

(4) Other national space agencies worldwide;

(5) The Lunar Exploration and Analysis Group;

(6) The Universities Space Research Association, including the Lunar and Planetary Institute;

(7) Major corporations representing aerospace, information technology, renewable energy, robotics, manufacturing, and other appropriate industrial sectors;

(8) National space advocacy organizations, including but not limited to the National Space Society, the Lunar Explorers Society, the Space Frontiers Foundation, and the American Astronautical Society;
(9) Global space agencies and organizations, including but not limited to the International Lunar Exploration Working Group, the International Space Exploration Coordination Group, and the Committee on Space Research; and

(10) The United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs.

SECTION 3. The international moon base alliance shall hold its first organizational teleconference by August 1, 2019, and shall present a strategic plan for a prototype Moon base development to the governor and legislature prior to the convening of the regular session of 2020.

SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 for the international moon base alliance to guide the development and implementation of a prototype Moon base on the island of Hawaii. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of aerospace development for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on June 1, 2019.
Report Title:
Space Industry, Evolvable Lunar Architecture; Office of Aerospace Development

Description:
Promotes the space industry in Hawaii by creating an International Moon Base Alliance to provide recommendations and guidance for the establishment of a prototype moon base on the island of Hawaii.

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