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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BUSINESS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State is lagging  
2 behind in economic growth, innovation, and job creation. Hawaii  
3 possesses a large cache of underutilized and culturally diverse  
4 human capital, but also has a reputation for being anti-  
5 business.

6           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to change this  
7 negative perception and foster a small-business-friendly climate  
8 that offers targeted support and resources to entrepreneurial  
9 startups and small businesses seeking to expand, by establishing  
10 the position of chief entrepreneurial advisor to the governor.

11           SECTION 2. There is established the position of chief  
12 entrepreneurial advisor to the governor, which shall be filled  
13 by a qualified and competent local entrepreneur who is held in  
14 high esteem by the business community. The chief  
15 entrepreneurial advisor shall be appointed by the governor  
16 without regard to chapter 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and shall



1 serve at the governor's pleasure, with compensation of \$1 per  
2 year.

3 SECTION 3. The chief entrepreneurial advisor shall engage  
4 in the following activities:

5 (1) Meet regularly with the small business community to  
6 encourage small business formation and expansion;

7 (2) Facilitate contacts between the small business  
8 community and state agencies;

9 (3) Encourage networking between businesses in Hawaii and  
10 abroad;

11 (4) Apprise the governor, on a regular basis, as to the  
12 state of small business development in Hawaii; and

13 (5) Make regular pronouncements and conduct promotional  
14 activities, as often as practicable, to motivate and  
15 inform the community about the importance and  
16 mechanics of forming and growing small businesses in  
17 Hawaii.

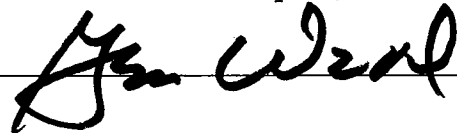
18 SECTION 4. The chief entrepreneurial advisor may request,  
19 and shall be entitled to receive from any state agency,  
20 assistance or services needed to carry out the duties of the  
21 position.



1 SECTION 5. The opinions offered, and the services rendered  
2 by the chief entrepreneurial advisor under this Act shall be  
3 considered facilitative in nature, and the chief entrepreneurial  
4 advisor shall not be held liable for any adverse consequences  
5 resulting from any advice dispensed or activities conducted.

6 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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# H.B. NO. 2077

**Report Title:**

Chief Entrepreneurial Advisor; Establishment; Office of the Governor

**Description:**

Establishes the position of chief entrepreneurial advisor to the governor.

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