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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DUAL USE TECHNOLOGY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that dual use technology  
2 companies in Hawaii are vital to economic growth and a  
3 diversified economy. Dual use refers to technologies that can  
4 be used for both peaceful and military aims. The legislature  
5 further finds that Hawaii businesses are in an exceptional  
6 position to take advantage of the strong presence of the  
7 military in the State and the research conducted on its behalf.  
8 However, the legislature additionally finds that the state's  
9 focus on tourism has taken away from potentially innovative  
10 concepts, new approaches to technology, and the leveraging of  
11 existing facilities and military funding. Technologies  
12 developed for military use have been appropriated by businesses  
13 in the past with extraordinary success and such technologies  
14 have the potential to significantly contribute to Hawaii's  
15 economic recovery and subsequently decrease its reliance on  
16 tourism.



1           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish a task  
2 force to explore how dual use technology can be used to promote  
3 the State's economic recovery and diversify its economy.

4           SECTION 2. (a) The dual use technology task force is  
5 established within the department of business, economic  
6 development, and tourism. The dual use technology task force  
7 shall have the following objectives:

- 8           (1) Explore potential dual use technology research and  
9           development projects for technology companies;
- 10          (2) Establish high-growth new venture company  
11          infrastructure development for dual use technology  
12          companies; and
- 13          (3) Create ideas for high-income job opportunities for  
14          Hawaii's residents and graduates of Hawaii's  
15          educational institutions.

16          (b) The dual use technology task force shall consist of  
17 the following:

- 18          (1) One representative from the department of business,  
19          economic development, and tourism designated by the  
20          department's director;
- 21          (2) One representative from the University of Hawaii;



- 1           (3) One representative from the Economic Development
- 2                 Alliance of Hawaii, Inc.;
- 3           (4) One representative from the Hawaii technology
- 4                 development corporation;
- 5           (5) One representative from the department of labor's
- 6                 workforce development task force; and
- 7           (6) One representative from Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii.
- 8           Task force members may recommend additional members with
- 9           appropriate specialized expertise to the dual use technology
- 10           task force.

11           (c) Members of the dual use technology task force shall be

12           exempt from section 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and shall

13           serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for

14           reasonable expenses necessary for the performance of their

15           duties, including travel expenses.

16           (d) The dual use technology task force shall:

- 17           (1) Submit a preliminary report of its findings and
- 18                 recommendations, including any proposed legislation,
- 19                 to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to
- 20                 the convening of the regular session of 2023; provided



1           that the preliminary report shall discuss the  
2           objectives and issues listed in subsection (a); and  
3       (2)   Submit a final report of its findings and  
4           recommendations, including any proposed legislation,  
5           to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to  
6           the convening of the regular session of 2025.

7       (e)   The department of business, economic development, and  
8   tourism shall provide administrative and clerical support  
9   required by the dual use technology task force.

10       (f)   For the purposes of this section, "dual use  
11   technology" means technology that has military and civilian  
12   applications; provided that this definition may be amended and  
13   refined by the task force over time as part of its findings and  
14   recommendations.

15       SECTION 3.   This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.



**Report Title:**

Dual Use Technology; Economic Recovery; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; University of Hawaii; Task Force

**Description:**

Creates a task force within the department of business, economic development, and tourism consisting of representatives from the University of Hawaii, Hawaii Technology Development Corporation, and the State's technological and business community that explores how dual use technology can be used to promote economic recovery and diversify the State's economy. Requires the task force to submit reports to the legislature in 2023 and 2025.  
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