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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 director of business, economic development, and
21 tourism;



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- 1 (2) One representative from the university of Hawaii;
- 2 (3) One representative from the economic development
- 3 alliance;
- 4 (4) One representative from the Hawaii technology
- 5 development corporation;
- 6 (5) One representative from the department of labor's
- 7 workforce development task force; and
- 8 (6) One representative from Chamber of Commerce Hawaii.

9 Task force members may recommend additional members with
10 appropriate specialized expertise to the dual use technology
11 task force.

12 (c) Members of the dual use technology task force shall be
13 exempt from section 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and shall
14 serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for
15 reasonable expenses necessary for the performance of their
16 duties, including travel expenses.

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

- 18 (1) Submit a preliminary report of its findings and
- 19 recommendations, including any proposed legislation,
- 20 to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to
- 21 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 working group over time as part of its findings
14 and recommendations.

15 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$25,000 or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022 and the
18 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
19 2022-2023 for operations and administration of the dual use
20 technology task force.



1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
2 of business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes
3 of this Act.

4 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

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INTRODUCED BY:





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Report Title:

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

Description:

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