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## Lawmakers cut funds for Hawaii aerospace office despite NASA deal

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HONOLULU — State lawmakers appear ready to cut funding for an aerospace development office two weeks after Gov. Linda Lingle announced an agreement with NASA that she said would improve Hawaii's economy.

The proposed budget that is heading for final votes in the House and Senate excluded \$138,000 for the one-person unit.

Republican Rep. Gene Ward of Kalama Valley and Hawaii Kai said in a statement Friday that the funding cut could jeopardize the NASA agreement.

He says it also threatens the receipt of federal funds.

Part of the agreement provides for small satellite development with the Hawaii Space Flight Laboratory at the University of Hawaii under a new program called HawaiiSat.

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