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Hawaii ranks low on innovation

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Hawaii ranked in the bottom five on a new report measuring innovation in the 50 states.

The report, released Thursday by the [Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation](#), was based on international patent applications filed between 1998 and 2006.

Delaware topped the list, followed by Massachusetts, Minnesota, California and Connecticut.

South Dakota ranked last, with Alaska, Arkansas, Hawaii and Mississippi rounding out the bottom five.

States were ranked based on the total percentage of international patent applications per 100,000 workers for the nine-year period.

In 2006, the report says the range of applications filed per 100,000 workers was 1.3 to 82.1, with an average of 25.1.

Hawaii filed 5.5 applications per 100,000 workers in 2006, the report said.

The report said Delaware-based DuPont & Co. likely helped that state's top ranking.

The Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, based in Missouri, funded the report, and says it grants money toward advancing entrepreneurship and improving youth education.