

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2976

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 20 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2610
H.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and
Technology, to which was referred H.B. No. 2610, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate
funds for the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation's
manufacturing grant program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation; Oceanit
Laboratories, Inc.; KYD, Inc.; TeleVoice 2000; Diamond Bakery
Company, Ltd.; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Chamber of
Commerce Hawaii; Kona Brewing Company; Maui Brewing Company;
Hawaiian Chip Company, LLC; Makai Ocean Engineering, Inc.; Oahu
County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party
of Hawai'i; Origin Coffee Roasters; Hawaii Coffee Company; DewPoint
System, LLC; Jonah Heller, Creative; Aloha Shoyu Company, Ltd.;
Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaii Fish Company; Maui Chamber of Commerce;
Hyperserspective Studios, Inc.; and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Technology Development
Corporation supports local manufacturers through its INNOVATE
Hawaii program, which receives federal funding from the National
Institute of Standards and Technology of the United States



Department of Commerce to deliver the Manufacturing Extension Partnership program, to businesses throughout the State. The INNOVATE Hawaii program also administers the manufacturing grant program, also known as the Manufacturing Assistance Program Grant. Your Committee recognizes that the manufacturing grant program assists businesses located in Hawaii that face additional obstacles, such as high cost of energy and shipping in comparison to mainland businesses. Your Committee believes that supporting the manufacturing grant program will allow manufacturers in Hawaii to be more competitive, ultimately creating more jobs and long-term investments in Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2610, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development, Tourism, and
Technology,



GLENN WAKAI, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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HB 2610 HD 2	ETT, WAM	3/17/18				
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____						
The Recommendation is:						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310	<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313			
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused		
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	✓					
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)	✓					
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				✓		
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				✓		
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓					
TOTAL	3	0	0	2		
Recommendation:			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted	
Chair's or Designee's Signature:						
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes