



Written Statement of
Race Randle
Chairman of the Board of Directors
High Technology Development Corporation
before the
Senate Committee on Economic Development, Tourism and Technology
Monday, February 13, 2017
1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 414

In consideration of
SB902
RELATING TO THE HIGH TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee on Economic Development, Tourism and Technology.

The High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) **supports** SB902 that changes the name of the High Technology Development Corporation to Hawaii Technology Development Corporation and repeals the Hawaii Software Service Center that is established within the High Technology Development Corporation, effective 7/01/2017.

HTDC is leading the State's initiative to create 80,000 new innovation jobs in Hawaii earning \$80,000 or more by 2030. The revised name better communicates our mission. Technology is not a siloed industry. Advancing new technologies across all industries is a vital component to moving the Hawaii economy forward. The revised name is more inclusive and will make it easier for the public and the media who already commonly refer to the agency as the "Hawaii Technology Development Corporation".

The Hawaii Software Service Center has been unfunded and inactive for at least 10 years. The statute is obsolete and recommend that it be repealed.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



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The revised name will make it easier for the public and the media who already commonly refer to the agency as the "Hawaii Technology Development Corporation" and to provide consistency with other Hawaii state agencies. The revised name would also better communicate to the public the function of the Corporation. It enables the High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) to be more inclusive in leading the State's initiative to create 80,000 new innovation jobs in Hawaii earning \$80,000 or more by 2030 and support DBEDT in diversifying the economy.

The Hawaii Software Service Center statute is obsolete and should be repealed. The Center has been unfunded and inactive for at least 10 years.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments on SB902.