

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2017

RE: H.B. No. 973
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and
Technology, to which was referred H.B. No. 973, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to support
technology based research and development in the State by
establishing a research and technology grant program within the
High Technology Development Corporation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the High Technology Development Corporation; Chamber of
Commerce Hawaii; Hawaii Farm Bureau; Navatek; Makai Ocean
Engineering, Inc.; and six individuals. Your Committee received
comments on this measure from the State of Hawaii Procurement
Office.

Your Committee finds that innovation in the areas of science,
technology, engineering, and mathematics is the key for Hawaii to
strengthen its global competitiveness across all business,
education, and social sectors of the world we live in. Your
Committee further finds that a research and technology grant
program will stimulate innovation in the State and the growth of
jobs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and will
also help sustain the resiliency of Hawaii's economy.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the grant amount from fifty percent to twenty-five percent of costs incurred;
- (2) Clarifying that monies used to pay for the cost of administering, operating, and marketing the grant program, as determined by the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation, shall be made in accordance with chapters 103D and 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 973, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 973, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, 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,

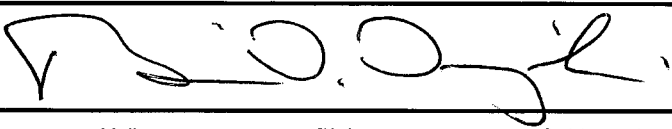


GLENN WAKAI, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 913 HD1	ETT, WAM	3/13/17		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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	5	0	0	0
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