

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3000

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 2006

RE: H.B. No. 3057  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Media, Arts, Science, and Technology, to which was referred H.B. No. 3057, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE HIGH TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) for the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Grant Program, the Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Program, and the Phase 0 Competition Assistance Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, the High Technology Development Corporation, the Hawaii Aquaculture Association, the Hawaii Science and Technology Council, and the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii.

Since its inception in 1989, the SBIR Grant Program has assisted in increasing the number of research and development projects and small start-up technology companies in the State. A state investment of \$3,700,000 has returned \$56,500,000 in federal research dollars to the State and \$57,500,000 in investments from and commercial contracts with public and private sectors. The STTR Program is similar to the SBIR Program, but additionally requires that a percentage of the project work be performed by a research institution located in the State. The combined SBIR,

2006-2200 SSCR SMA.doc




SSTR, and Phase 0 Competition Assistance Programs can do more to support the growth of Hawaii's technology industries, such as the agricultural research and development industry, if their funding is increased. Annual funding since 1989 has remained relatively at the same level as growth in the number of technology companies receiving federal awards or grants has increased significantly.

Your Committee finds that promoting the development of Hawaii's science and technology sector is one of the key components of the State's efforts in diversifying and expanding the state economy. Essential to this effort is moving the research knowledge beyond the development stage and into commercialization. Your Committee further finds that an appropriation to fund the SBIR Program will enable the State to meet the demands of a growing science and technology sector and to expand the SBIR program to include the STTR Program and the Phase 0 Competition Assistance Program.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date from July 1, 2020 to July 1, 2006.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Media, Arts, Science, and Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 3057, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 3057, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Media, Arts,  
Science, and Technology,

  
CAROL FUKUNAGA, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Third Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the  
 Committee on Media, Arts, Science and Technology  
 (Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
HB3057 HD1	MAT, WAM	3/16/2006
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____		
The Recommendation is to:		
<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	Ayes	Ayes(WR)
FUKUNAGA, Carol (C)	✓	
IGE, David Y. (VC)	✓	
ENGLISH, J. Kalani		✓
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓	
HOGUE, Bob		✓
TOTAL	3	2
Recommendation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
Distribution:		
Original File with Committee Report	Yellow Clerk's Office	Pink Drafting Agency
Goldenrod Committee File Copy		

\*Do not list more than one measure per Record of Votes.