

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb. 16, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2078
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Media, Arts, Science, and Technology and Business and Economic Development, to which was referred S.B. No. 2078 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY TRAINING,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii (EDAH) for the purpose of improving and expanding the technology workforce in Hawaii.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; the University of Hawaii; the Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii; the Office of Economic Development, the County of Kauai; the Kauai Economic Development Board, Inc.; the Hawaii Island Economic Development Board; the Maui Economic Development Board; the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association; the Maui County Farm Bureau; Trex Hawaii, LLC; Monsanto Hawaii; General Dynamics Advanced Information Systems; and several private individuals.

The Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii is composed of four private-sector economic development boards whose members are all active members and officers of the county-level Workforce Investment Boards and the statewide Workforce Development Council. For five years, the economic development boards have been involved in implementing several project-based learning efforts on the neighbor islands such as Project EAST, Aloha 'Ike, and Women in Technology, to promote enthusiasm for science, technical training,



and higher education. EDAH wants to develop comparable programs on Oahu, which will create an educational pipeline to the University of Hawaii and the community colleges statewide. Additionally, EDAH wants to support partnership workforce development and outreach that will address state business, education, and labor goals. Partnership efforts will complement and expand the existing programs on the neighbor islands, and will focus on creating excitement for new business development and careers in science and technology.

Your Committees find that appropriating funds as a grant to the Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii will provide the necessary financial assistance to develop partnership initiatives that will improve and expand the technology workforce in Hawaii. The sum appropriated shall not be appropriated unless matching funds are provided.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the blank appropriation amount to \$500,000 to fund EDAH's efforts and plans to expand technology training opportunities statewide; and
- (2) Specifying that the Hawaiian Tel internship program is called Hawaiian Telcom Ho'olaulima.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Media, Arts, Science, and Technology and Business and Economic Development that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2078, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2078, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Media, Arts,
Science, and Technology and
Business and Economic
Development,



WILL ESPERO, Chair




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:
SB 2078	MAT/BED, WAM	2/7/2006
<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:		
		
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