
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO EXTEND ITS LAND LEASE WITH
THE HIGH TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO CONTINUE TO
OPERATE THE MANOA INNOVATION CENTER.

1 WHEREAS, a strong diversified economy is essential to the
2 well-being of the population of Hawaii; and
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4 WHEREAS, state policies should be aligned to encourage
5 employment within the commercial high technology industry sector
6 in order for the State to remain productive and withstand the
7 changes and challenges of the twenty-first century economy; and
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9 WHEREAS, education and innovation infrastructure are key to
10 sustaining and growing Hawaii's commercial high technology
11 industry sector; and
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13 WHEREAS, the High Technology Development Corporation is a
14 state agency that was established by the Legislature in 1983 to
15 facilitate the development and growth of Hawaii's commercial
16 high technology industry sector; and
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18 WHEREAS, the High Technology Development Corporation
19 developed the Manoa Innovation Center, the first and only
20 innovation and incubation facility on Oahu that offers an array
21 of client services, facilities, and equipment to assist new and
22 early stage technology companies; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Manoa Innovation Center has incubated and
25 graduated over a hundred companies, more than eighty per cent of
26 which have become successful technology companies in the private
27 sector, including Digital Island, Blue Lava Wireless, and Hoku
28 Scientific; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Manoa Innovation Center was built with state
2 funds on public lands that were subsequently transferred to the
3 University of Hawaii; and
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5 WHEREAS, since its second year of operation, the High
6 Technology Development Corporation has operated the Manoa
7 Innovation Center without the benefit of general funds and
8 relies solely on receipts and capital improvement program funds
9 to operate its statewide programs; and
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11 WHEREAS, the High Technology Development Corporation's
12 current land lease with the University of Hawaii expires in
13 2015; and
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15 WHEREAS, if the land lease is not extended, the State will
16 lose the Manoa Innovation Center, a technology infrastructure
17 and economic development engine that is difficult to replace;
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20 WHEREAS, an alternative site for the Manoa Innovation
21 Center is unfeasible because the success of the center is due in
22 large part to its close-proximity to the University of Hawaii
23 Manoa campus and its research activities and student interns;
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26 WHEREAS, in addition, high costs and changes in federal law
27 limiting the use of state capital improvement program funds for
28 projects involving private activity inhibit the construction of
29 a similar facility today; and
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31 WHEREAS, even if state funding was available, the
32 development of a new facility would take a minimum of four years
33 or more; and
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35 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii should extend its land
36 lease with the High Technology Development Corporation to
37 provide the High Technology Development Corporation with
38 sufficient time to make alternate arrangements for the Manoa
39 Innovation Center; now, therefore,
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41 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
42 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
43 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the University of
44 Hawaii is urged to extend its current land lease agreement with



1 the High Technology Development Corporation, located on 2800
 2 Woodlawn Drive, Manoa, Honolulu, Hawaii, identified as Tax Map
 3 Key 2-9-26: Por. 3, 37, and 38, for a period of time necessary
 4 to find and replace or develop and construct a new facility in
 5 Manoa to continue the High Technology Development Corporation's
 6 current operations at the Manoa Innovation Center; and

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 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Board
 10 of Regents of the University of Hawaii and the Chair of the
 11 Board of Directors of the High Technology Development
 12 Corporation.

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