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## HOUSE 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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30           WHEREAS, the Manoa Innovation Center was built with state  
31 funds on public lands that were subsequently transferred to the  
32 University of Hawaii; and  
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1 WHEREAS, since its second year of operation, the High  
2 Technology Development Corporation has operated the Manoa  
3 Innovation Center without the benefit of general funds and  
4 relies solely on receipts and capital improvement program funds  
5 to operate its statewide programs; and

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7 WHEREAS, the High Technology Development Corporation's  
8 current land lease with the University of Hawaii expires in  
9 2015; and

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11 WHEREAS, if the land lease is not extended, the State will  
12 lose the Manoa Innovation Center, a technology infrastructure  
13 and economic development engine that is difficult to replace;  
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16 WHEREAS, an alternative site for the Manoa Innovation  
17 Center is unfeasible because the success of the center is due in  
18 large part to its close-proximity to the University of Hawaii  
19 Manoa campus and its research activities and student interns;  
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22 WHEREAS, in addition, high costs and changes in federal law  
23 limiting the use of state capital improvement program funds for  
24 projects involving private activity inhibit the construction of  
25 a similar facility today; and

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27 WHEREAS, even if state funding was available, the  
28 development of a new facility would take a minimum of four years  
29 or more; and

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31 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii should extend its land  
32 lease with the High Technology Development Corporation to  
33 provide the High Technology Development Corporation with  
34 sufficient time to make alternate arrangements for the Manoa  
35 Innovation Center; now, therefore,

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37 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
38 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
39 Session of 2008, that the University of Hawaii is urged to  
40 extend its current land lease agreement with the High Technology  
41 Development Corporation, located on 2800 Woodlawn Drive, Manoa,  
42 Honolulu, Hawaii, identified as Tax Map Key 2-9-26: Por. 3, 37,  
43 and 38, for a period of time necessary to find and replace or  
44 develop and construct a new facility in Manoa to continue the




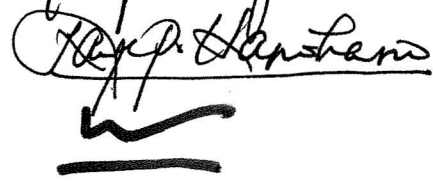
1 High Technology Development Corporation's current operations at  
2 the Manoa Innovation Center; and

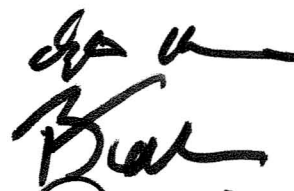
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Board of Regents  
6 of the University of Hawaii and the Chair of the Board of  
7 Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation.

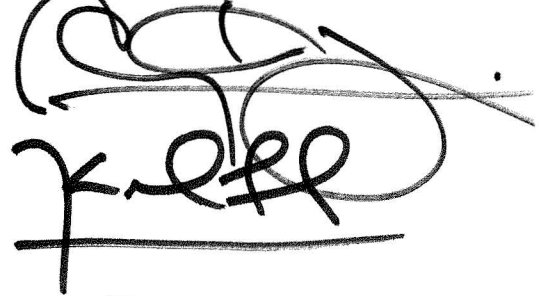
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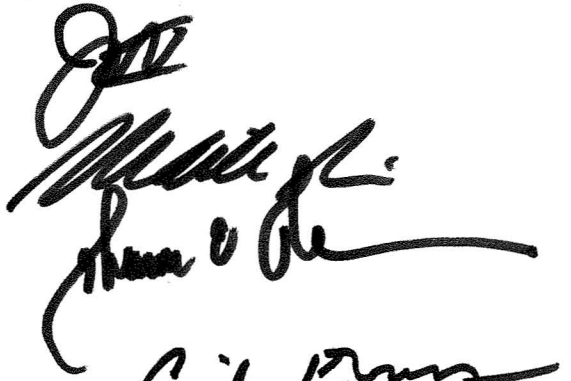
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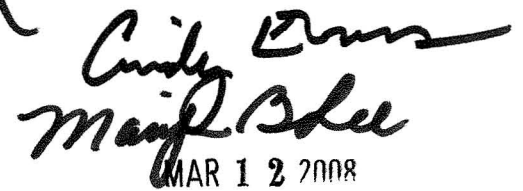
  
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