

# LATE TESTIMONY

Written Statement of  
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before the  
**HOUSE COMMITTEES ON HIGHER EDUCATION**  
**AND**  
**EDUCATION**  
Tuesday March 18, 2008  
2:30 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

In consideration of  
**HCR 331/HR 272 REQUESTING THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CREATES A  
TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION EXTENSION SERVICE.**

Chairs Chang and Takumi, Vice Chairs Bertram and Berg, and Members of the House  
Committees on Higher Education and Education:

The High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) supports the intent of House  
Concurrent Resolution 331 and House Resolution 272 which would provide the public access to  
university extension services, particularly in the areas of innovation and changes in technology.

HTDC recognizes how educating the general public on the use of new technologies can  
help to encourage innovation and technology, enhance and improve lifestyles at all levels. We  
also understand the University of Hawaii maintains successful extension and outreach program  
services that assist the community at large such as local crop and fish farmers. Thus, we suggest  
that existing program structure be first considered and if appropriate, provided necessary funding  
rather than creating a new and separate extension service. Further, we are not sure how a service  
which potentially exists in each field of study at a university could be organized to be successful.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on HCR 312 and HR 260.

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Monday, March 17, 2008

*Ladies and gentlemen:*

*I hereby submit the following testimony regarding HCR331. The HOUSE Higher Education Committee is set to hear this bill on Wednesday, March 18, 2008 at 2:30 pm room 309.*

*I would appreciate if you would make and deliver 1 copies of my testimony to Room 309 for this hearing. Thank you.*

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TO: THE HOUSE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE, Representative Jerry Chang, Chair

FROM: BILL SPENCER, HAWAII VENTURE CAPITAL ASSOCIATION

SUBJECT: Testimony relating to REQUESTING THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CREATES A TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION EXTENSION SERVICE

I strongly support HCR 331 requesting the creation of a technology and innovation extension service. The model for such a service developed for agriculture has proven to be very effective. Hawaii's entrepreneur can no longer survive by building businesses for local markets. Entrepreneurs must think larger and address the needs of a global marketplace. A technology and innovation extension service would be a great benefit to students and non-students alike and can help Hawaii diversify its economy and become more self-sustaining.

I strongly encourage this committee to pass this resolution.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my views and my testimony on this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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