



**HR205: URGING THE HAWAII CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO OPPOSE
THE PATENT REFORM ACT**

DATE: March 25, 2008
9:00 am., Conference Room 325

**TO: COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS
CONCERNS**

The Honorable Kyle T. Yamashita
The Honorable Glenn Wakai

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RE: Testimony in Support of HR205

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Science & Technology Council (HISciTech) supports HR205 urging the Hawaii Congressional Delegation to oppose The Patent Reform Act. HISciTech is concerned that S1145, the Patent Reform Act in its current form will diminish the value of patents, undermine innovation, threaten jobs and hurt the emerging technology sector in Hawaii

The Hawaii Science & Technology Council is a private tax-exempt 501(c)6 industry association with a 28-member board. The council serves Hawaii companies engaged in ocean sciences, agricultural biotechnology, astronomy, defense aerospace, biotech/life sciences, information & communication technology, energy, environmental technologies, and creative media.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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