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Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee.

This testimony represents the joint statement of the Statewide EPSCoR Committee (EPSCoR), the University of Hawaii (UH), the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT), and the High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) on HB 610 HD1, which would establish a task force to develop the Hawaii state science and technology plan. We all support the intent of HB 610 HD2, and recognize the importance of developing a statewide plan for furthering the development of Hawaii's science and technology industry sectors, including the advancement of the research and development capacity of the State's institutions of higher learning.

We would like to respectfully suggest that the objectives of HB 610 HD2 can be met in part by an effort already underway by the recently established Hawaii Statewide EPSCoR Committee's Special Sub-committee for development of a Science and Technology Strategic Plan for the State of Hawaii. UH has taken the initiative to fast track a statewide science and technology plan because of the requirements of the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) that EPSCoR grant recipients must align their programs with the science and technology plans of their state, as indicated in the most recent EPSCoR proposal solicitation:

"Essential to EPSCoR's goal of enhancing the competitive position of jurisdictions' research and research-based education in science and engineering is a well-designed State-wide Science and Technology initiative or plan (S&T Plan). This S&T Plan establishes state-wide goals and objectives, and provides a framework that guides the jurisdiction's utilization of resources from EPSCoR and other stakeholders to achieve them."

Through the NSF EPSCoR program, Hawaii has received over \$35M in direct and co-funded support since 2001. Currently the UH has two EPSCoR proposals under consideration by NSF: a Research Infrastructure Improvement proposal for \$4 million per year for five years (\$20 million total) and a \$2 million per year for three years (\$3 million to Hawaii) cyberinfrastructure partnership proposal with the University of Alaska. These proposals included the Hawaii Statewide EPSCoR Committee's commitment to spearhead the development of a statewide S&T plan.

The Subcommittee is co-chaired by Dr. Michael Crosby, Executive Director of the National Science Board who is currently on loan to the University of Hawaii at Hilo, serving as the Interim Vice Chancellor for Research. The other co-chairs are Kevin Kelly, UH System Managing Director for the EPSCoR grant from the National Science Foundation, and Elizabeth Corbin, Manager of DBEDT's Science & Technology Branch. The Subcommittee includes representatives from industry, academia and government. As list of the members of the

Statewide EPSCoR Committee, the members of the Subcommittee for the S&T plan, and stakeholders who have indicated interest in participating in the planning process is attached.

The stated mission of the Subcommittee is to interface with the Legislature, the Governor's Office, the STEM research, education, and economic development communities, the S&T industry and other stakeholders, as well as identify best practices from other states, to deliver a completed draft plan to the Statewide EPSCoR Committee by October, 2009. The intent is to present an approved plan to the Legislature and the Governor in time for action to be taken during the 2010 Legislative Session, perhaps including amendment of Chapter 226, Session Laws of Hawaii, to include policies for S&T in the Hawaii State Plan.

Finally, we would like to address the specific tasks described in HB 610 HD2. The first task requires an evaluation of the effectiveness of past and current science and high technology legislation, including legislation relating to industry development, incentives, oversight, and sustainability. The intent of the Subcommittee is to review previous plans and reports and this effort will be greatly facilitated by an effort underway by HTDC to synthesize the data and recommendations from prior work in this area. We will also take into consideration recent and current work being done, such as the report by the Hawaii Science & Technology Council on Hawaii's S&T sectors and the Hawaii Statewide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy currently being updated by the Office of Planning.

We do, however, believe that this Subcommittee is not the right body to undertake a review of the effectiveness of the tax incentives. That is under consideration by other groups more equipped to deal with the complexities of the issues. We also believe that the Subcommittee can include a discussion of the usefulness and need for incentives as matters of policy without making specific recommendations on the details of the incentives.

The second task, the development of the S&T plan, closely reflects the mission of the Subcommittee and Tasks 3 and 4 would be natural follow-on activities to the development of the plan. The Subcommittee envisions a plan that would identify priorities and recommendations that would provide the policy framework for specific implementation plans.

The Statewide EPSCoR Committee, UH, DBEDT and HTDC respectfully ask that this bill be deferred until the results of the present effort can be presented to the Legislature for its consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

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