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**Statement of  
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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

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State Capitol, Conference Room 211  
9:30 A.M.

in consideration of  
**HB 526 HD1 SD1  
RELATING TO HIGH TECHNOLOGY**

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) strongly supports HB 526 HD1 SD1, which requires DBEDT and the High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) to plan for a high technology park or a technology incubator facility on Oahu.

This initiative is very much in alignment with Governor Abercrombie's plan as discussed in his document, "A New Day in Hawaii" which mentions that building of tech development centers is needed for Hawaii's technologies to mature and to be commercialized. Further, it is in alignment with the four major themes within this document that I have selected to focus DBEDT's efforts:

- Energy (Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative)
- The Creative Economy

- Technology and Innovation (with a major focus on a Hawaii Broadband Initiative)
- Small Business and Entrepreneurship (including permit facilitation)

While DBEDT lacks both the financial resources and personnel, we welcome this initiative to utilize HTDC's core strengths to address the goals above.

This bill also provides flexibility to address the goals above by establishing a technology incubation center vs. restricting to a tech park. This flexibility is prudent during this economic climate, and addresses HTDC's need for an expanded incubation facility. HTDC has been leading the charge for the State's tech-based economic development by leveraging its rent revenues and federal funds. A revenue-generating incubation center is necessary for HTDC to continue its worthy work. DBEDT stands behind HTDC to secure an equal or better facility for its incubation mission, should the land lease for Manoa Innovation Center not be renewed.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of this bill.