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before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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State Capitol, Conference Room 308

In consideration of

SB 2528, SD2, HD2
RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) supports SB 2528, SD2, HD2 which amends Chapter 201, HRS to expand computer labs to support multi-disciplinary courses of study, and increases revenue streams for the Hawaii 3Ts technology laboratories fund administered by the Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii (EDAH).

As HD2 no longer includes an appropriation section through DBEDT, the department requests your consideration of amending the language on page 7, lines 10-18, which specifies DBEDT to submit the EDAH annual report along with comments to the legislature, and instead require EDAH to provide this report to the legislature directly, no more than twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.