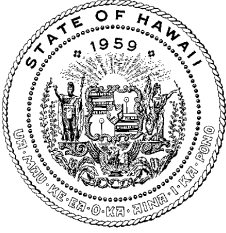


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before the

**SENATE COMMITTEES ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY
AND EDUCATION**

Monday, February 13, 2012
1:15 P.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 016
In consideration of

SB 2528
RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY

Chairs Fukunaga and Tokuda, Vice Chairs Wakai and Kidani and Members of the
Committees.

The Department of Business Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) is in support
of SB 2528, which amends Chapter 201, Hawaii Revised Statutes by adding a new section to
expand the definitions, increased revenue streams and places the Hawaii 3Ts technology laboratories
fund under DBEDT.

This measure, along with SB 2482, which amends The Hawaii Public Schools Science and
Technology Trust Fund (HRS 302A) provides additional revenue streams through income tax return
designations to the fund, provides options for additional revenue sources dedicated to fuller
integration of technology in our public schools. These measures underscore the Administration's
commitment to providing broadband and technology resources to develop our state's competitive
advantage for future generations to come.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.



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TO: Senate Economic Development and Technology Committee

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Re: Testimony- SB 2528, Relating to Technology

Hearing Date: Monday, February 13, 2012
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Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
And Members of the
Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology and
Senate Committee on Education

Dear Chair Fukunaga, Chair Tokuda and Committee Members:

RE: SB 2528, Relating to Technology

The Kaua'i Economic Development Board (KEDB) **strongly supports SB 2528,**

For the past several years, KEDB, through its private/public partnerships, have been very active and successful in leveraging resources from federal, state, county and the private sector to create economic opportunities for Kaua'i. We continue to work collaboratively on various innovative projects to foster and nurture technology growth by building an appropriately trained workforce to support that growth.

We thank the 2007 Legislature for appropriating funds for the initial 3Ts Program (Act 271). The funds appropriated to the Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii (EDAH) assisted KEDB, through its Aloha 'Ike Grant Program and Women in Technology Program (administered by Maui Economic Development Board statewide), has been able to start a technology laboratory at Kaua'i High School on a limited basis while still lending support a similar existing program at Chiefess Kamakahahei Middle School.

Funding for SB 2528 this year, together with our local public/private resources, will serve to broaden and expand our existing efforts to establish these innovative technology laboratories to the other high schools and middle schools on the "Garden Island".

Sincerely yours,

Mattie Yoshioka
President & CEO