

HB473 HD1

Makes state business tax credits, GET exemptions, and local incentives that are available to qualified businesses in an enterprise zone, also available to Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority research and technology park businesses and projects in the same enterprise zone. Effective July 1, 2030. (HB473 HD1)



Written Statement of

KARL FOOKS
President

Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation

Before the
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS and HOUSING**

March 20, 2013
2:50 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 16

In consideration of
**HB473 PROPOSED SD1 RELATING TO THE NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF
HAWAII AUTHORITY.**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Slom, and Members of the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing:

The Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation (HSDC) **offers comments on HB 473 Proposed SD1.** Current statutes, referenced below, already provide the mechanism for cooperation between state agencies. In addition, the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation and the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority currently have representation on each other's Board of Directors.

NELHA: [§227D-8] Assistance by state and county agencies. Every state or county agency may render services to the authority upon request of the authority. [L 1990, c 224, pt of §3]

HSDC: [§211F-17] Cooperation with corporation by state agencies. Every state agency may render services to the corporation upon request of the corporation. [L 1990, c 110, pt of §3]

HTDC: [§206M-18] Assistance by state and county agencies. Every state or county agency may render services to the development corporation upon request of the development corporation. [L 1983, c 152, pt of §2],

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill.

Written Statement of
YUKA NAGASHIMA
Executive Director & CEO
High Technology Development Corporation
before the
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The High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) **offers comments on HB 473 HD1 Proposed SD1.** Current statutes already provide the mechanism for cooperation between state agencies. In addition, the HTDC, Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation (HSDC) and the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority (NELHA) currently have representation on each other's Board of Directors. Furthermore, HTDC and NELHA are already working towards collaborative efforts (e.g., NELHA asking HTDC to offer incubation program, and HTDC already documenting our support when NELHA was applying to EDA for \$3M in incubation center monies).

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAII AUTHORITY

An Authority of the State of Hawaii attached to the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism

Statement of

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Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority

before the

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HB 473 H.D. 1

RELATING TO THE NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAII AUTHORITY

The Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority (NELHA) strongly supports H.B. 473 H.D. 1 which amends Chapter 209E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by adding language that would make businesses operating within research and technology parks established by NELHA eligible for consideration in the State's enterprise zone program. This measure would assist NELHA in attracting new projects to our technology park.

This measure will broaden the scope of businesses eligible for consideration of EZ benefits within our technology park. Last year we adopted a new Master Plan for the Hawaii Ocean Science and Technology Park. Much of the remaining lands available for lease are in

areas designated for renewable energy and applied technology. This area has already designated as an "Enterprise Zone" by the County of Hawaii. Many new businesses and projects that we are targeting may not be eligible for consideration of EZ status given the current narrow definition. It is important to note that while this measure would broaden the definition of eligible businesses they still need to be qualified by the County and DBEDT before they could be able to receive EZ benefits.

We have been successful because the Legislature has given us the "tools" to allow us to succeed. This measure will add an additional tool to help us realize the goals of growing our economic development project and increasing the \$4.5M in State tax revenue that the park already generates.

Finally, we would like to respectfully suggest that the effective date of this measure be changed to July 1, 2013.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.