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by

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HB750 HD1 RELATING TO THE HAWAII ISLAND TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE
INSTITUTE

Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson and Members of the Committee:

My name is Donald Straney, Chancellor of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. We support HB750 HD1 to establish the Hawai'i Island Technology Exchange Institute at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo.

Science and technology are important for Hawaii's future to withstand and respond to changes to the natural, economic and social environments. This proposal will help us to be more sustainable and to develop a highly capable workforce that will contribute to the future needs of our island economy. UH Hilo views our collaboration with Hawai'i Community College as extremely important to provide higher education and career options to the people of our Hawai'i Island.

We support HB750 HD1 provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities in our BOR approved budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB750 HD1. Aloha.

February 11, 2013

Dear Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Representative Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair
Respected Members of the Committee,

I enthusiastically support HB 750, which establishes the Hawaii Island Technology Exchange Institute, and because the future of our state depends on the future we can create for ourselves.

To be successful, we must prepare our students for the jobs of the future by providing them with the opportunities to develop science and technology skills. To accomplish this, we must create the academic and research environment in where these opportunities exist, and innovation and risk tolerance are championed and not feared. The Hawaii Island Technology Exchange Institute provides this opportunity.

To be successful, we must embrace and apply innovative research opportunities for professional and technical job growth that will contribute to a stronger and more stable local economy. Again, we must create opportunities for our youth to develop business, research, organizational, financial and administrative skills, and facilitate internships for them to practice and develop these skills and to stimulate their interests in an S&T career. The Hawaii Island Technology Exchange Institute paves the way for this to become a reality.

A sustainable model begins with a focal point that starts on a small scale and builds from there. The Hawaii Island Technology Exchange Institute is such a pilot, an opportunity to develop a model that works. It will be based in a small community where everybody knows your name, where people work and play together, where the university and community college can work together without all the posturing that gets in the way of real success.

Please support the Hawaii Island Technology Exchange Institute. We owe this to the next generation of students and to the future of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

David J. Lovell
Director, Research Administration and Project Development, UH Hilo
Board of Directors, Papa Ola Lokahi, Native Hawaiian Health Care System
Board of Directors, Vice Chair, Hui Malama Ola Na 'Oiwī, Native Hawaiian Health Care System
Director, Kanoehua Industrial Area Association (KIAA)




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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 12, 2013

TO: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair, House Committee on Finance

FR: Representative Mark Nakashima 

RE: Testimony submitted for HB750 HD1

Keith Matsumoto (email address ktmatsumoto@msn.com), an individual testifying in support of HB750 HD1, relating to the Hawaii Island Technology Exchange Institute, has submitted revised text as testimony for the hearing scheduled on Wednesday, February 13, 2013.

A copy of his revised text is attached for your reference. We respectfully request consideration by you and your committee to include these revisions as amendments to HB750 HD1.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII ISLAND TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE INSTITUTE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that to be successful in
2 the twenty-first century global economy, Hawaii must position
3 itself as a leader in science and technology, as well as
4 technology development, transfer and commercialization.

5 Innovation in the science and technology fields will not only
6 allow the State to succeed in the global marketplace, but will
7 also support the State's sustainable development goals. The
8 legislature also finds that this will require a commitment to
9 the development of a highly capable workforce that is able to
10 compete in a technological environment.

11 The legislature further finds that developing such a
12 workforce will require a combined effort on the part of state
13 and community sectors to improve communication between
14 government, private, and academic entities; to develop networks
15 capable of sustained collaboration; and to prepare today's
16 students to be tomorrow's leaders.

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1 The purpose of this Act is to establish the Hawaii island
 2 technology exchange institute at the University of Hawaii at
 3 Hilo through a collaboration between the University of Hawaii at
 4 Hilo and Hawaii community college to focus the State's efforts
 5 to achieve these goals.

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 7 amended by adding a new subpart to part IV to be appropriately
 8 designated and to read as follows:

9 " . HAWAII ISLAND TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE INSTITUTE

10 §304A- **Hawaii island technology exchange institute;**

11 **establishment.** (a) There is established the Hawaii island
 12 technology exchange institute. The institute shall be placed
 13 within the university of Hawaii at Hilo through a collaboration
 14 between the University of Hawaii at Hilo and Hawaii community
 15 college for administrative purposes; provided that the institute
 16 may incorporate as a nonprofit corporation to further its
 17 objectives.

18 (b) The purposes of the institute shall be to:

19 (1) ~~Develop systemic models that will create new values~~
 20 ~~regarding science, technology, and innovation~~Support
 21 the development of new frameworks for post-secondary
 22 education to emphasize 21st Century skills, and prepare

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- 1 Hawaii's post-secondary students to advance the
- 2 State's welfare and prosperity in the future in the
- 3 fields of technology development and innovation;
- 4 (2) Collaborate with the private sector and community to
- 5 ~~Prepare~~ prepare a highly capable workforce that is
- 6 able to support and sustain a high technology society
- 7 and economy;
- 8 (3) ~~Generate scientific and technological innovation~~
- 9 ~~through the development of formal and informal~~
- 10 ~~networks between academia and private industry within~~
- 11 ~~the United States and other nations~~ Develop, implement
- 12 and operate a comprehensive technology transfer system
- 13 to support Hawaii's technology industry;
- 14 (4) Support the economic development and community
- 15 improvement activities of personnel and organizations
- 16 ~~who are able to advance and deploy science and~~
- 17 ~~technology while enhancing community and communication~~
- 18 ~~networks between the public and science and~~
- 19 ~~technology-related professionals and institutions~~ to
- 20 attract, retain and reward companies, investors,
- 21 entrepreneurs, faculty, and students to participate in
- 22 the institute;

- 1 (5) ~~Advance and deploy science and technology for~~
2 ~~sustainable development in the State~~Commercialize and
3 generate income for sustainable technology development
4 and commercialization activities; and
- 5 (6) ~~Play a~~Provide leadership role in the State's science
6 and technology sector within both the State and a
7 global society.
- 8 (c) The qualifying standards and conditions related to the
9 receipt of funds under chapter 42F shall not apply to funds
10 received by the institute; provided that if the institute
11 contracts with a recipient or provider, the qualifying
12 standards, conditions, and other provisions of chapter 42F shall
13 apply to the recipient or provider and the contract.
- 14 (d) If the institute incorporates, to receive state funds,
15 the institute shall:
- 16 (1) Be licensed or accredited in accordance with federal,
17 state, or county laws, rules, or ordinances to conduct
18 the activities or provide the services for which the
19 funds are appropriated;
- 20 (2) Comply with all applicable federal and state laws
21 prohibiting discrimination against any person on the
22 basis of race, color, national origin, religion,

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- 1 creed, sex, age, sexual orientation, disability, or
2 other protected class;
- 3 (3) Agree not to use state funds for entertainment or
4 lobbying activities;
- 5 (4) Be incorporated pursuant to chapter 414D;
- 6 (5) Have been determined and designated to be a tax-exempt
7 organization by the Internal Revenue Service;
- 8 (6) Maintain bylaws or policies that describe the manner
9 in which the activities or services for which a grant
10 or subsidy is awarded shall be conducted or provided;
11 and
- 12 (7) Include only members on the governing board, if the
13 institute becomes incorporated, who have no material
14 conflict of interest and who shall serve without
15 compensation.
- 16 (e) The center shall seek, receive, and accept from
17 public and private sources, whether located within or without
18 the United States, grants, gifts, devises, bequests, or any
19 other money or property, real, personal, or mixed, tangible or
20 intangible, absolutely or in trust, to be used in carrying out
21 the purposes of the institute.

1 (f) The institute may enter into purchase of power
2 agreements.

3 (g) The institute execute its duties under the purchase
4 of power agreements throughout the affected tax map key areas.

5 (h) The comptroller and state auditor shall have the
6 authority to examine the institute's use of state funds.

7 **§304A- Patents, copyrights, and other rights.** Any
8 patents, copyrights, inventions, discoveries, or other rights
9 arising from activities of the institute shall belong to the
10 institute and shall be subject to such policies or rules as the
11 board of regents may adopt.

12 **§304A- Annual report.** The Hawaii island technology
13 exchange institute shall submit an annual report to the
14 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
15 each regular session. The report shall include an explanation
16 of facility maintenance and other functions and activities
17 undertaken with state funds in the previous fiscal year."

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

UH Hilo; Hawaii Community College; Technology Exchange Institute

Description:

Establishes the Hawaii island technology exchange institute administratively attached to University of Hawaii at Hilo through a collaboration between UH Hilo and Hawaii Community College.

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Testimony for FIN on Feb 13, 2013 14:00PM in Conference Room 308

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Comments:

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