
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that growth and
2 diversification of the State's economy are essential for the
3 prosperity of the State and its residents. One part of the
4 economy that will help drive expansion and diversification is
5 the high technology industry. The expansion and proliferation
6 of this sector helps the State adapt to the ever-changing
7 economic and technological landscape and prepare for the future.
8 The high technology industry also provides attractive high-
9 paying jobs for talented Hawaii residents and those educated in
10 Hawaii schools, while also helping to reverse the "brain drain"
11 experienced in this State.

12 The department of business, economic development, and
13 tourism's high technology development corporation is at the
14 forefront of the State's efforts to advance high technology with
15 its purpose to promote the growth, development, and prosperity
16 of the high technology industry in the State. Also helping
17 advance high technology is the Manoa innovation center, a



1 program administered by the corporation that serves as an
2 incubator for start-up technology companies. The legislature
3 finds that the success of the corporation and the center is
4 essential for high technology to flourish in the State.

5 The legislature further finds that some of the 7,000,000-
6 plus annual visitors to the State are interested in working here
7 on a part-time or permanent basis. These prospective residents,
8 however, may require or desire additional knowledge and
9 assistance. Ideally, the high technology development
10 corporation would be able to provide this assistance and further
11 encourage out-of-state high technology industry workers to
12 perform their jobs in Hawaii.

13 The purpose of this Act is to invest in technology
14 development in Hawaii by:

- 15 (1) Facilitating a connection between the high technology
16 industry and visitors to the State and coordinating
17 these activities under an umbrella coordinating effort
18 such as the hi growth initiative; and
19 (2) Appropriating funds to the high technology development
20 corporation to develop a program to attract



1 out-of-state software programmers and other high
2 technology workers to work in Hawaii.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the
6 high technology development corporation to develop a program in
7 which Hawaii's innovation community will benefit from the
8 returning kama'aina and other out-of-state software workers
9 connecting with the State's high technology industry.

10 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the high
11 technology development corporation for the purposes of this Act.

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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H.B. NO. 2683

Report Title:

Software Programmers; High Technology Development Corporation;
Out-of-State Workers; Appropriation

Description:

Invests in high technology development by facilitating a connection between the high technology industry, returning kama'aina, and visitors to the State. Appropriates funds to the High Technology Development Corporation.

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Chamber of Commerce HAWAII
The Voice of Business

**Testimony to the House Committee on Economic Development & Business
Friday, February 5, 2016 at 9:01 A.M.
Conference Room 312, State Capitol**

RE: HOUSE BILL 2683 Relating to Technology

Chair Kawakami, Vice Chair Kong, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports the intent of** HB 2683, which invests in high technology development by facilitating a connection between the high technology industry, returning kama'aina, and visitors to the State.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

We believe that innovation and technology can help drive expansion and diversification of our economy. The high technology industry also provides attractive high-paying jobs for talented Hawaii residents and those educated in Hawaii schools, while also helping to reverse the "brain drain" experienced in this State.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Statement of
Robbie Melton
Executive Director & CEO
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before the
House Committee on Economic Development & Business
Friday, February 5, 2016
9:01 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

In consideration of
HB2683
RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY.

Chair Kawakami, Vice Chair Kong, and Members of the Committee on Economic Development and Business.

The High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) **supports the intent of** HB2683 that invests in high technology development by facilitating a connection between the high technology industry, returning kama'aina, and visitors to the State and appropriates funds to the High Technology Development Corporation provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget.

As part of HTDC's vision to create 80,000 new innovation jobs in Hawaii earning \$80,000 or more by 2030, HTDC supports initiatives aimed at promoting technology and innovation jobs. In 2015, HTDC hosted its 16th annual Holiday Science and Technology Job Fair, the First Hawaii Advanced Manufacturing Conference, and celebrated its 4th year of Wetware Wednesday a monthly networking event for software developers.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

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Comments: You've been down this road before. It's a money-pit and it's for private industry. If the private industry is so industrious and worthwhile, they should have no problem FINANCING THEIR OWN BUSINESSES and being successful without our tax dollars. To claim it is for state-related endeavors is another deception or 'con' just to reach into the public coffers; so far none of them have had any returns on their promises. Private industry is private. I do not want my tax dollars funding someone else's enterprise. That's not how it works.

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