

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 617

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and
Technology, to which was referred S.B. No. 617 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY
GRANTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to support
research, development, and innovation in science, technology,
engineering, and mathematics by establishing a research and
technology grant program to be administered by the High Technology
Development Corporation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation, High Technology
Development Corporation, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, Navatek, and
six individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition
to this measure from the Hawaii Association for Industrial-
Organizational Psychology. Your Committee received comments on
this measure from the State Procurement Office.

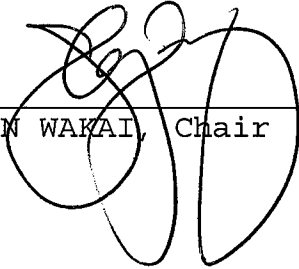
Your Committee finds that fostering education and job
creation in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics is
vital to the State. Your Committee also finds that the
Legislature appropriates funds annually to education in these
fields, but that education alone will not produce the jobs
necessary for Hawaii youth and residents to thrive in those
fields. Therefore, your Committee finds that establishing a
research and technology grant program will be a positive way to



nurture and cultivate educational opportunities and innovative economic growth through supporting technology companies.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 617 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development, Tourism, and
Technology,




GLENN WAKAI, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 617	Committee Referral: ETT, WAM	Date: 1/30/17		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes