



Written Statement of
Robbie Melton
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before the
House Committee on Finance
Tuesday, February 28, 2017
1:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

In consideration of
HB592 HD1
RELATING TO ENERGY.

Chairs Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee on Finance.

The High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) **supports** HB592 HD1 that extends the sunset date of the Alternate Energy Research and Development Pilot Project to June 30, 2019 and appropriates funds for the Project.

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 FY16, the first year of the program, HTDC awarded \$1 million to 3 companies who secured \$11.3 million of federal funding from the Office of Naval Research for alternative energy projects. In FY17 HTDC anticipates awarding all of the \$1 million fiscal year 2016-2017 appropriated funds. HTDC believes the program supports the growth of companies with innovative renewable energy technologies in the State and moves Hawaii closer to its clean energy goal of 100 percent renewable energy by 2045.

We respectfully request correction of the defective effective date. We support this initiative as long as it does not replace our priorities requested in the Executive Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII

The Voice of Business

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Finance
Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 11:00 A.M.
Conference Room 308, State Capitol**

RE: HOUSE BILL 592 HD1 RELATING TO ENERGY

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** HB 592 HD1, which extends the sunset date of the Alternative Energy Research and Development Pilot Program to June 30, 2019.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 1,600+ 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.

This bill would provide crucial support to local companies engaged in alternative energy research and helps these companies secure additional federal grants. The program supports the local economy by keeping high-paying, high-skill jobs as well revenue in Hawaii. It also strengthens the state's commitment to alternate energy opportunities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
ann chung	Navatek	Support	Yes

Comments: We strongly support HB592 extending the existing alternative energy grant administered by HTDC. This is a great program supporting local companies doing renewable energy research and leverages federal funding helping these companies pursue even more federal grants. The program supports the economy by keeping high-paying, high-skilled jobs and keeping revenues in Hawaii, while furthering the State's commitment to renewable energy and supporting businesses.

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Audra White	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Kacey Lock	Individual	Support	No

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Jean Young	Individual	Support	No

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Susan Matsuura	Individual	Support	No

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Eric Schiff	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support hb592.

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