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Statement of
LUIS P. SALAVERIA
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Friday, February 24, 2017
9:35 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

in consideration of
SB902, SD1
RELATING TO THE HIGH TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) **supports** SB902, SD1, that changes the name of the High Technology Development Corporation to Hawaii Technology Development Corporation and repeals the Hawaii Software Service Center that is established within the High Technology Development Corporation, effective July 1, 2017.

The revised name will make it easier for the public and the media who already commonly refer to the agency as the "Hawaii Technology Development Corporation" and to provide consistency with other Hawaii state agencies. The revised name would also better communicate to the public the function of the Corporation. It enables the High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) to be more inclusive in leading the State's initiative to create 80,000 new innovation jobs in Hawaii earning \$80,000 or more by 2030 and support DBEDT in diversifying the economy.

The Hawaii Software Service Center statute is obsolete and should be repealed. The Center has been unfunded and inactive for at least 10 years.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments on SB902, SD1.



Written Statement of
Race Randle
Chairman of the Board of Directors
High Technology Development Corporation
before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
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In consideration of
SB902 SD1
RELATING TO THE HIGH TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Ways and Means.

The High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) **supports** SB902 SD1 that changes the name of the High Technology Development Corporation to Hawaii Technology Development Corporation and repeals the Hawaii Software Service Center that is established within the High Technology Development Corporation, effective 7/01/2017.

HTDC is leading the State's initiative to create 80,000 new innovation jobs in Hawaii earning \$80,000 or more by 2030. The revised name better communicates our mission. Technology is not a siloed industry. Advancing new technologies across all industries is a vital component to moving the Hawaii economy forward. The revised name is more inclusive and will make it easier for the public and the media who already commonly refer to the agency as the "Hawaii Technology Development Corporation".

The Hawaii Software Service Center has been unfunded and inactive for at least 10 years. The statute is obsolete and recommend that it be repealed.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



Statement of: **Burt Lum, Individual**
Testimony presented before the

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In consideration of

SB902
RELATING TO THE HIGH TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

I, Burt Lum, offer my **Strong Support** of SB902 that changes the name of the High Technology Development Corporation, to the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation.

As Executive Director of Hawaii Open Data, a non-profit dedicated to advancing open data principles and as a technology media consultant, I've seen the growth of a variety of technology companies develop across the Hawaii business landscape. The term high technology or high tech is broadly defined as cutting edge technology but back in the 80's was used in the context of computer technology.

In 2017, Hawaii's tech sector includes a variety of technologies ranging from biotech, clean energy, mobile tech, artificial intelligence, augmented reality and ag tech to name a few.

Since HTDC supports the Hawaii tech sector as well as SBIR and manufacturing, for purposes of clarification, it would be appropriate to rename the organization to the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer this testimony.