



Written Statement of  
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Before the

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**  
**And**  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS**

February 14, 2017

11:01 a.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In Support of

**HB592 RELATING TO ENERGY**

To: Chairs Chris Lee and Mark Nakashima, Vice Chairs Nicole E. Lowen and Jarrett Keohokalole and Members of the Committees

From: Dr. Patrick K. Sullivan, President/CEO

Re: Testimony in Support of HB592

Honorable Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **in support of HB52.**

Hawaii's Alternative Energy and Research Development Program is an integral part in making the entire state energy sustainable. Hawaii is fortunate with its diverse resources such as solar, wind, hydro, bioenergy and geothermal which is ideal for the development of clean energy. The continuation of this program is important for Hawaii's economy as it will allow local companies to continue to do their research and development in renewable energy. In addition, it will keep high-paying, high-skilled jobs in Hawaii, furthering the State's commitment to renewable energy and supporting business.

We urge you to support HB592.



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Written Statement of  
**Robbie Melton**  
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before the  
**House Committees on Energy and Environmental Protection  
and  
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In consideration of  
**HB592**  
**RELATING TO ENERGY.**

Chairs Lee and Nakashima, Vice Chairs Lowen and Keohokalole, and Members of the Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection and Committee on Economic Development and Business.

The High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) **supports** HB592 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

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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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Eric Schiff	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support HB592.

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Audra White	Individual	Support	No

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