



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII

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**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.
Conference Room 211, State Capitol**

**RE: SENATE BILL 2903 RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **strongly supports** SB 2903, which appropriates funds to the High Technology Development Corporation for the Manufacturing Development Program.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 2,000+ 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.

The Chamber supports this bill that continues the manufacturing grant program, which has become a positive resource to aid companies with their investments for manufacturing equipment, training of their employees on newly purchased equipment, energy efficiency, and feasibility studies. We believe that the continuation of this program will help fuel manufacturing in Hawaii to grow and provide more products for both local consumption and export. There is movement to begin to manufacture more back in the U.S. At the same time, Hawaii still has some competitive disadvantages. This bill will help companies in Hawaii to start or grow their operations.

In Hawaii there are over 700 active manufacturers in the state that employ 14,000 people and contribute to the overall state economy. In 2016 Hawaii manufacturers helped our state's economy by contributing nearly \$1.78 billion in manufactured goods exported outside of Hawaii.

The grant program supports the industry by increasing production and economic activity. According to the High Technology Development Corporation's Innovate Hawaii, in 2017 the agency that administers the grant, they gave out approximately \$1.9 million in grant funding that spurred over \$31 million in private investment. We believe that this is worthwhile and financially smart investment for state funding.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

SB-2903

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

**PRESENTATION OF THE
OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAI'I**

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

THE SENATE

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION OF 2018

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 211

RE: Testimony in Support of SB 2903 RELATING TO HAWAII
TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPOMTION

To the Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair; the Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

Good morning, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on Senate Bill No. 2903, relating to the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation; Manufacturing Development Program; and Appropriations.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of Senate Bill No. 2903 and support its passage.

Senate Bill No. 2903 is in alignment with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it appropriates funds to the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation for continuance and administration of the manufacturing development program.

The DPH Platform states that "[s]tate and county governments have a key role to play in setting reasonable standards for industry and trade." (Platform of the DPH, P. 1, Lines 44-45 (2016)).

A diversified and healthy economy in Hawai'i requires a well-educated and healthy citizenry. To encourage existing and new enterprise, we need to develop a combination of tax policies and credits, lending programs, and financial incentives that will attract the business community. The creation of intellectual property and new start-ups should be a part of the curriculum of our business schools. Business training should stress ethical company management that is responsive to customer needs. (Platform of the DPH, P. 1, Lines 38-45 (2016)).

We recognize that the responsible use and development of technology in all its manifestations offers immense potential for our community, government, including institutions of higher education and business sectors. We encourage synergistic research, development, commercialization and educational programs to promote technological proficiency and innovation. In particular, we support Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) initiatives in our public, private and charter schools as these prepare the next generation to address the needs of our state. We also support programs that facilitate incubator i.e., start-up, opportunities for new and promising technologies, and encourage the local retention of our intellectual resources." (Platform of the DPH, P. 2, Lines 97-99 (2016)).

Given that Senate Bill No. 2903 appropriates funds to the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation for continuance and administration of the manufacturing development program, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Melodie Aduja

Melodie Aduja, Chair, OCC Legislative Priorities Committee

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Hawaii Fish Company (HFC), a family-owned North Shore Oahu aquaculture farm, testifies in strong support of SB 2903 which would appropriate \$1.5 million in funds for the continuation of the Hawaii manufacturing development grant program administered by the High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC). HFC is currently researching and developing manufactured aquafarm products with support one USDA/SBIR Phase I feasibility research grant and two USDA/SBIR Phase II research and development grants and a Hawaii SBIR matching grant for each.

Once our current SBIR R&D efforts are complete, we will move forward with Phase III commercialization. This will include the development of manufacturing equipment and infrastructure for the preparation and manufacture of aquaculture and aquaponic products. The continuation of this supportive manufacturing development grant program will provide HFC a much needed cost sharing opportunity to enable our small, family-owned, multigenerational company to take this important commercialization step which, in turn, will enable us to support job retention, increased rural employment, seafood and aquaponic supply production, and sales.

In summary, the manufacturing support potentially available to our company through this HTDC program has already been successfully provided to many other local manufacturing companies for the past three years. With the manufacturing development grant program's positive track record, HFC feels strongly that this program is worthy of continued State support. As such, we strongly support SB 2903.



Aloha Edibles, Inc

Statement of
Carri Loui
Manager
Aloha Edibles Inc
before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Wednesday, February 28, 2018
11:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

In consideration of
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RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Aloha Edibles Inc **supports** SB2903 that appropriates funds to HTDC for continuance and administration of the manufacturing development program.

This grant has helped us tremendously. It helped us get equipment that is required by USDA to operate under their strict guidelines. We have been federally inspected since My of 2017. Since May we've also been able to expand our work force to include another full time person and 4 part timers.

According to the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, Hawaii has over 1,000 active manufacturers employing approximately 17,000 workers and Hawaii's manufacturing industry helped the local economy by exporting nearly \$570 million in manufactured goods in 2012.

The program limits reimbursement to 20% of qualified expenses capped at \$100,000. The program shows the State's support for local manufacturers willing to make the commitment to growing their businesses in Hawaii and growing the industry.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

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February 22, 2018

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Friday, February 28th, 2018, 11am
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

Re: **SB2903**, RELATING TO HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,
SUPPORTING TESTIMONY

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee on
Ways and Means.

Maui Brewing Co. supports **SB2903** that Appropriates funds for the Hawaii Technology
Development Corporation's manufacturing grant program; the "MAP Grant". In fact, we would
encourage the expansion of funding and grant opportunities for various businesses in order to
bring manufacturing back to Hawaii. As a State, we often focus on film, military and technology
but we seem to ignore supporting local manufacturing which would bring a number of skilled
jobs to the islands.

The MAP grant program has been an integral part of the investment in growing the entire
craft brewing industry in Hawaii. HTDC is helping to change the landscape of manufacturing in
Hawaii and this grant is a big piece of this change.

Maui Brewing Co. is a small, independent craft brewery that began with just 23 on our
team in 2005. We are now 500 strong and Hawaii's largest craft brewery. We did this in the face
of significant challenges to growth at all levels; financial, shipping, taxation, legislative and more.
We were a recipient of a portion of grant funds last year and that has allowed us to continue
growth in job creation and production. We are currently investing more than 10 million dollars
over the next several years to take our company off-grid and to grow our manufacturing and
retail facilities. Every bit of support that we can get is critical to our success as a truly local,
100% Hawaii grown company.

We support this program and its passage would show the State's support for local
manufacturers willing to make the commitment to growing their businesses in Hawaii and
growing the industry.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

Sincerely,

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Statement of
Carmelita Phillips
Chief Financial Officer
KYD, Inc.
before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Wednesday, February 28, 2018
11:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211
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Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means.

KYD, Inc. supports SB2903 that appropriates funds to HTDC for continuance and administration of the manufacturing development program.

KYD, Inc. is a local manufacturing company employing about 100 persons and we appreciate the assistance of the Manufacturing grant to acquire new equipment to improve our operations. We plan to increase our sales and thereby increasing the taxes we pay to the state.

According to the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, Hawaii has over 1,000 active manufacturers employing approximately 17,000 workers and Hawaii's manufacturing industry helped the local economy by exporting nearly \$570 million in manufactured goods in 2012.

The program limits reimbursement to 20% of qualified expenses capped at \$100,000. The program shows the State's support for local manufacturers willing to make the commitment to growing their businesses in Hawaii and growing the industry.



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Written Testimony of
Daniel Dinell
President, Hawaii Coffee Company
before the
Senate Committee on Ways & Means
Friday, February 28, 2018; 11:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

RE: SB2903 “RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION”

Chair Delacruz and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways & Means:

Hawaii Coffee Company **supports** SB2903 that makes an appropriation for the continuation of the manufacturing grant program within the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation (HTDC).

Hawaii Coffee Company has been in the coffee roasting business since 2000 and today is the world’s largest roaster of Kona Coffee in the world. Our 100 plus employees at our plant in Kalihi, coffee mill in Captain Cook on the Big Island, and other locations around the state earn a livelihood milling, roasting, packing, distributing, and retailing coffee. Our brands have a major presence at retailers throughout Hawaii, are a leading provider of coffee to Hawaii hotels and restaurants and export our products around the globe.

One of the most surprising things I’ve learned since assuming the role leading this company in June 2015 is the terrific support provided through the Legislature of state government entities such as HTDC, DOA and DBEDT to support Hawaii businesses. This kind of grant program is important to leverage dollars by encouraging investment and growth to further strengthen and diversify Hawaii’s economy.

Mahalo for your support and consideration.



Written Statement of
Robbie Melton
Executive Director & CEO
Hawaii Technology Development Corporation
before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Wednesday, February 28, 2018
11:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

In consideration of
SB2903
RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means.

The Hawaii Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) **supports** SB2903 that appropriates funds to HTDC for continuance and administration of the manufacturing development program.

HTDC supports local manufacturers through our INNOVATE Hawaii program which receives \$500k a year in federal funding by the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology’s (NIST) to deliver the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) program. The Hawaii manufacturing industry provides export and import substitution opportunities to improve our economy and has been identified nationally as a key driver for innovation. Hawaii manufacturers face the additional challenge of the high cost of energy and shipping. The grant program is targeted to make Hawaii manufacturers more competitive.

A summary of the awards made by the matching program is listed below:

	FY16	FY17
Appropriation	\$2 MM	\$1 MM
# of Applications	69	42
# of Awards	51	25
First Time Awards	51	14
Company Investment (match)	\$31.3 MM	\$8.7 MM
\$\$ Requested	\$ 3.4 MM	\$1.6 MM
\$\$ Awarded	\$ 1.9 MM	\$0.9 MM
Estimated New Jobs	363	353

** FY18 data not available yet, awards are still in process*

Through FY16 and FY17, 46 awards have been made in the City and County of Honolulu, 12 in Maui County, 8 in Hawaii County, and 10 in Kauai County. 45% of the funding was awarded to food manufacturers, 18% to beverage and tobacco manufacturers, 12% to fabricated metal and

transportation equipment manufacturers, 10% to chemical, plastics, etc., 8% to paper and printing manufacturers. The program provides up to a 20% match of the investment by the company. As seen in the table above, the program has exceeded the 80% company match requirement with \$2.8 million awarded and \$40 million dollars invested by the companies.

Interest in the program remains high and HTDC anticipates awarding all of the \$1 million fiscal year 2017-2018 appropriated funds. HTDC believes this program provides leverage and positive economic development value for the State. The bill appropriates \$1.5 million for the program.

HTDC agrees that this would be an appropriate amount for the program and 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.



Written Statement of
DR. PATRICK K. SULLIVAN
PRESIDENT/CEO OCEANIT

Before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
February 28, 2017
11:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211
In Support of
**SB2903 REALTING TO THE HIGH TECHNOLOGY
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

To: Chair Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee

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

Re: Testimony in Support of SB2903

Honorable Chair, Vice-Chair and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **IN SUPPORT of SB2903.**

Oceanit is a local diversified science and engineering company with capabilities/facilities in advanced technology, life sciences, information systems, aerospace, energy, oil and gas and consulting engineering services. Many of our technologies are ready for commercialization and hope to manufacture our technologies here in Hawaii.

This bill will allow Hawaii companies to keep the manufacturing of their products here in Hawaii. In turn, there will be job creation and long term investments for the people of Hawaii.

Oceanit is committed to manufacturing technology in the State of Hawaii.

Therefore, we **SUPPORT SB2903**



Statement of
Duke Hartman, P.E.
Vice President, Business Development
MAKAI OCEAN ENGINEERING, INC.
before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Wednesday, February 28th, 2018
11:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211
In consideration of
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RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Makai Ocean Engineering, Inc. **STRONGLY SUPPORTS SB2903** that makes an appropriation for the continuation of the manufacturing development program within the High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC).

Makai Ocean Engineering, Inc. has historically been an engineering services provider, but now, with the help of the State's current manufacturing assistance program, Makai is diversifying into low-volume manufacturing. Makai has been involved in marine-related engineering in Hawaii for over 44 years, and recently began a heat exchanger R&D program. Now, we are ramping up production a small manufacturing plant for heat exchangers on the Big Island of Hawaii, which is sustaining approximately 8 highly-skilled, high-paying STEM / engineering jobs in rural Kona. We have a strategic advantage for developing and manufacturing low-volumes of these components in Hawaii for two reasons: the U.S. Navy and Air Force's presence in Hawaii, and Makai already owns and operates a marine heat exchanger test facility and marine corrosion lab on the Big Island. As an example, Makai was recently awarded a contract to design a new heat exchanger for the U.S. Air Force's next generation aircraft, including the new F-35 fighter jet, and we hope to be manufacturing units over the coming years.

According to the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii in 2017, Hawaii has over 1,000 active manufacturers employing about 17,000 workers and Hawaii's manufacturing industry helped the local economy by exporting nearly \$570 million in manufactured goods in 2012.

The program limits reimbursement to 20% of qualified expenses capped at \$100,000. Because they are matching funds, a manufacturer is eligible only if they are already making an investment in the local community and providing jobs. The program amplifies these efforts, and shows the State's support for local manufacturers willing to make the investment and commitment to adding jobs, and growing their businesses and the industry in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



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TO:
Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

FROM: HAWAII FOOD INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION
Lauren Zirbel, Executive Director

DATE: Friday, February 28, 2018
TIME: 11am
PLACE: Conference Room 415

RE: SB 2903 Relating to the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation

Position: Support

The Hawaii Food Industry Association is comprised of two hundred member companies representing retailers, suppliers, producers, and distributors of food and beverage related products in the State of Hawaii.

The Hawaii Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) is a vital business accelerator that helps diversify and strengthen Hawaii economy. Manufacturing is an essential industry here in Hawaii providing jobs and local products. There is room for growth in this industry and The Manufacturing Development Program is an important part of maintaining and growing a strong manufacturing sector here in Hawaii. We urge you to vote yes on this measure and we thank you for the opportunity to testify.



HYPERSPECTIVE
INSPIRE BELIEF

Statement of:
Todd J. Robertson
Hyperspective
Before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Wednesday, February 28, 2018
11:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

In consideration of
SB2903 RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Hyperspective **supports** SB2903 that appropriates funds to HTDC for continuance and administration of the manufacturing development program.

Hyperspective is a digital creative agency, focused on developing cutting edge technology for communications and products within the State of Hawaii for global export. As a technology company, Hyperspective benefits from programs like the manufacturing program in-directly through services provided to companies that are awarded support and through the economic ecosystem these companies are a part of. This program supports the growth of an ecosystem of companies that attract large-scale business, talent and investments to Hawaii.

According to the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, Hawaii has over 1,000 active manufacturers employing approximately 17,000 workers and Hawaii's manufacturing industry helped the local economy by exporting nearly \$570 million in manufactured goods in 2012.

The program limits reimbursement to 20% of qualified expenses capped at \$100,000. The program shows the State's support for local manufacturers willing to make the commitment to growing their businesses in Hawaii and growing the industry.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



ALOHA SHOYU COMPANY

Statement of
David Y. Morikawa
Vice President - Operations

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Conference Room 211, State Capitol**

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2903
RELATING TO THE HIGH TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

The Aloha Shoyu Company, Ltd. **supports** SB 2903, that appropriates funds to HTDC for continuation of the manufacturing development program. There are approximately 1,000 active manufacturers in the state that employ almost 17,000 workers. Manufacturers helped Hawaii's economy by contributing nearly \$1.7 billion in manufactured goods exported in 2015.

Our company has received the benefit of partial funding through the manufacturing grant program resulting in plant equipment expansion and upgrades. If the program is extended, we intend to continue utilizing grant funding for equipment upgrades and provide more products to Hawaii and on the Mainland.

The bill, which has become a positive resource to aid companies with investments in manufacturing equipment, training of its employees, energy efficiency, and feasibility studies. We believe that the continuation of this program will help fuel manufacturing in Hawaii to grow and provide more products for both local consumption and export. While there is movement to manufacture more goods and services in the U.S, Hawaii still has some competitive disadvantages. This bill will help companies in Hawaii to grow its operations.

According to the High Technology Development Corporation's Innovate Hawaii, they gave out approximately \$1.9 million in grant funding that spurred over \$31 million in private investment. We believe that this is a worthwhile and financially smart investment for state funding.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Meadow Gold Dairies



SB2903, Relating to Hawaii Technology Development Corporation
Senate WAM Decision Making Hearing
Weds, February 28, 2018
11:00am, Room 211
Written Testimony By: John Erickson

Position: Support

Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Senate WAM Committee:

My name is John Erickson, General Manager of Meadow Gold Dairies. Our company has been in Hawaii since 1897—121 years, providing Hawaii consumers with a variety of milk products and juices. Meadow Gold's long history has not come without effort. We continually adapt to our customers' and consumers' ever-changing needs, and we constantly evolve along with our industry, our community and our market. Over the years, this has required that we struggle, tighten our belts, innovate and work extremely hard, making us a better company in the process. The foundation of this work rests with the 330 employees that are committed to providing superior quality products.

Manufacturers in Hawaii have certain challenges that are the result of being an island-State. Nonetheless, there are approximately 1000 active manufacturers in the state that employ almost 17,000 people. Manufacturers helped Hawaii's economy by contributing nearly \$570 million in manufactured goods exported in 2012.

The continuation of funding of the manufacturing grant program will contribute to the growth and stability of local manufacturers.

Your support of this measure is appreciated. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



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SB2903, Relating to High Technology Development Corporation
Sen Ways and Means Decision Making Hearing

Weds. Feb. 28, 2018

11:00 am - Room 211

Written Testimony by: Dexter Yamada

Position: Support

Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Senate WAM Committee:

I am Dexter Yamada, President of KYD, Inc. dba: K. Yamada Distributors. KYD, Inc. is a local family run business that originated in the 1940's as a florist and florist supply distributor, and in 1958, evolved into a packaging company. Today, KYD, Inc and its sister company, Hawaii's Finest Products, LLC, employ about 90 employees and contribute to Hawaii's economy through taxes and payroll. Our companies manufacture packaging materials such as food-grade EPS (Expanded Polystyrene) food containers, and distribute a variety of supplies, to include compostable containers, for food processors, food establishments, supermarkets, hotels hospitals and other institutions.

Appreciation is expressed for this measure that continues to recognize that local manufacturers make finished products in Hawaii, provide employment and contribute to the State's economy.

It encourages local manufacturers to make the commitment to grow their businesses in Hawaii.

Please support this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



SB-2903

Submitted on: 2/26/2018 12:38:23 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/28/2018 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harvey Rackmil	Testifying for HONBLUE	Support	No

Comments:

As a past recipient of the HTDC MAP Grant, HONBLUE supports SB2903 that appropriates funds to the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation for continuance and administration of the manufacturing development program. Our written testimony is attached.

SB-2903

Submitted on: 2/22/2018 1:32:09 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Peter Kam	Individual	Support	No

Comments: