



Written Statement of
Len Higashi
Acting Executive Director
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before the
House Committee on Economic Development & Business
And the
House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection
Wednesday, March 20, 2019
9:50 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

In consideration of
SB1291, SD1
RELATING TO THE ALTERNATIVE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FUND.

Chairs McKelvey and Lowen, Vice Chairs Kitagawa and Wildberger, and Members of the
Committees.

The Hawaii Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) **supports** SB1291, SD1 that appropriates funds into and out of the Alternative Energy Research and Development revolving fund for the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to provide grants.

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. Last session \$1,000,000 was appropriated for the Alternative Energy Research and Development grant program. HTDC has completed the required public hearing on the proposed administrative rules for the program. HTDC intends to open the application period and make FY19 awards before the end of the fiscal year. Act 67, SLH18 restarts the program that was last awarded in FY17. In FY17, all 3 companies that applied were awarded a total of \$950,000. The companies matched the state award with a total of \$10.2 million of federal funds.

We support this request provided it does not supplant the Governor's priorities in the Administrative budget. Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



Written Statement of
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In Support of
SB1291 RELATING TO THE ALTERNATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT FUND

To: Representative Angus McKelvey, Chair, Representative Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair and members of the Committee on Economic Development

Representative Nicole Lowen, Chair, Representative Tina Wildberger, Vice Chair and members of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

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

Re: SB1291

Honorable Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Committee Members:

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.

Oceanit is in SUPPORT of SB1291

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ann Chung	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB1291. Companies doing critical research in clean energy technologies are bringing in large numbers of federal funding to Hawaii and creating the high-skilled, high-paying jobs our workers need. This program supports and strengthens these efforts to further encourage high-impact, clean energy solutions not only proving that Hawaii is an ideal laboratory for the development of clean energy technologies but also creating economic growth and jobs. I URGE YOU TO PASS THIS BILL.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lois Crozer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII
The Voice of Business

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**RE: SB 1291 SD1 RELATING TO THE ALTERNATIVE ENERGY RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT FUND**

Chairs McKelvey and Lowen, Vice Chairs Kitagawa and Wildberger, and Members of the Committees:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** SB 1291 SD1, which appropriates funds into and out of the alternative energy research and development revolving fund for the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to provide grants.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing 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 continues to support the State's efforts to promote and foster innovation research and development in Hawaii. Innovation is a proven catalyst for economic growth and the creation of high-skilled and high-paying jobs. This bill would help to provide necessary capital to help assist these small businesses in innovation research and expansion and provide support to grow their businesses to the next level and compete globally.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.