Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.C.R. No. 156

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2025 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 156 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO INCREASE ITS FOCUS ON ADVANCED MANUFACTURING AND CYBERSECURITY TO BUILD A STRONGER, DIVERSIFIED ECONOMY, CREATE HIGH-WAGE JOB OPPORTUNITIES, AND POSITION HAWAII AS A LEADER IN INNOVATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY IN THE PACIFIC,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to increase its focus on advanced manufacturing and cybersecurity to build a stronger, diversified economy, create high-wage job opportunities, and position Hawaii as a leader in innovation and national security in the Pacific.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation; and Hawaii Military Affairs Council.

Your Committee finds that it is critical for the State to transition from its over-reliance on tourism and imported products by investing in local industries that promote economic resilience, job creation, and long-term sustainability. Your Committee further finds that incorporating advanced manufacturing that

utilizes various innovative technologies into the production process for local manufacturers will enhance efficiency, improve product quality, reduce manufacturing costs, and help promote sustainable production practices, leading to reduction in the State's reliance on imported products. By requesting the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation, which supports small- and medium—sized local manufacturers in improving productivity and infusing innovation into their production processes, to increase its focus on advanced manufacturing and cybersecurity, this measure will serve as a catalyst for strengthening and diversifying the State's industrial base, securing high-wage employment, and positioning the State as a leader in cybersecurity and advanced manufacturing.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development and Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 156, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism,

YNN DECOITE, Chair

The Senate Thirty-Third Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Economic Development and Tourism EDT

Bill / Resolution No.:* HCR 15C	Committee Referral: Date: 4/10/2025			0.	
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is: Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye 🥖	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DECOITE, Lynn (C)		V /			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)		/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol		V			
KIM, Donna Mercado					V /
AWA, Brenton					V
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Chair's or Designee's Signature.					
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