## LATE TESTIMONY

Written Statement of

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## before the HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Tuesday, February 5, 2013 2:00 pm State Capitol, Conference Room 309 In consideration of

## HB 71 RELATING TO HIGH TECHNOLOGY.

Chair Choy, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and Members of the Committee on Higher Education.

Ikayzo, inc. strongly supports HB71 which requires the University of Hawaii (UH) to extend the current land lease for the Manoa Innovation Center (MIC) to the HTDC.

Our company benefited greatly from incubation at the Manoa Innovation Center. We started as a family venture of two and now employ over twenty employees and contractors across the state servicing customers such as Sony, Oracle, the Federal Government and numerous large financial institutions. Last year we graduated into a commercial space in Kaka'ako.

Our first customer was a fellow MIC company and we have worked in varying capacities with numerous other tenant companies including Pukoa Scientific, Concentris, Island Pacific Energy, Kuehnle AgroSystems, Undefeated Games and Sprout. In some cases they were providing us with advice on research grants. In others we were providing them with creative and technical services. Having all these great companies in proximity has been invaluable.

Ikayzo has collaborated with HTDC and fellow MIC companies on many community efforts including TechHui.com. HTDC CEO Yuka Nagashima and her staff have been invaluable resources during our journey. We sincerely hope HTDC will continue to operate the Manoa Innovation Center and receive the funding necessary to continue their work. This is a uniquely inspiring place. It wouldn't be the same in some nondescript block of office spaces.

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