

Written Statement of **Robbie Melton** Executive Director & CEO High Technology Development Corporation before the **Senate Committee on Economic Development, and Technology** Wednesday, March 2, 2016 1:15 p.m. State Capitol, Conference Room 414

In consideration of GM517 IN CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HIGH TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KELLY KING, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2018.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Slom, and Members of the Committee on Economic Development, and Technology.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to **support the appointment** of Ms. Kelly King to the Board of Directors for the High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC). Ms. King is the co-founder of Pacific Biodiesel on Maui. Ms. King brings to HTDC her many years of manufacturing experience and alternative energy sources. HTDC has two federal programs, one serving the manufacturing industry and the other involving hydrogen fuel projects for the U.S. Air Force. Her knowledge and expertise in both these fields and in entrepreneurship would be an asset for the board of directors.

Pacific Biodiesel is the leading manufacturer of biodiesel on Maui and Hawaii Island. Since 1996, Ms. King and Pacific Biodiesel have accumulated numerous awards for innovation and clean tech both locally and nationally. Ms. Kelly would bring her perspectives of the neighbor islands to the board. We appreciate her vision and attention to detail in guiding HTDC forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments and I encourage your favorable vote on her behalf.

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COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT, AND

<u>TECHNOLOGY</u> Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair Senator Sam Slom, Vice Chair

- DATE: Wednesday, March 02, 2016
- TIME: 1:15pm

PLACE: Conference Room 414

TESTIMONY OF JAMES E. COON SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF GM517 KELLY KING

Chair Senator Wakai, Vice Chair Senator Slom, and Members of the Committee on Economic Development, Environment, and Technology

My name is James E. Coon, CEO of Maui's oldest charter boat company, speaking in strong support of Kelly King for a term on the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation.

I have known Ms. King for nearly 40 years and have complete confidence in her ability to effectively contribute to this board. She is highly respected in the Maui Community and is considered a leader in this field. She is a person of impeccable integrity, smart, hardworking and will be an asset to this board.

I humbly ask you to approve Kelly King for this important Board position.

Sincerely,

James E. Coon, CEO Trilogy Corporation 808-870-9115

LARRY J. SHAPIRO, J.D. 1215 South Kihei Road, Suite 0-248 Kihei, HI 96753

February 29, 2016

TO: Senators Wakai and Slom

RE: GM 517, Appointment of Kelly King to the Board of High Technology Development

Aloha Senators Wakai and Slom,

I wanted to write to let you know what a great asset Kelly King would be as a member of the Hawaii Board of High Technology Development.

I cannot over-stress how accomplished and well respected Kelly is here on Maui, and statewide. She is the Co-Founder of Pacific Biodeisel and her reputation and accomplishments both in education, and as an innovative environmental technology entrepreneur, are unmatched.

We would be very fortunate to have Kelly serve on this board.

Sincerely,

Larry Shapiro

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Jonathan Starr	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I wish to offer strong Support for Kelly King's Advise & Consent for her Nomination to the High Technology Development Corporation. I have known Kelly King for two decades, and she is an excellent choice and will do great service on HTDC. Aloha, Jonathan Starr

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