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January 11, 2018

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President and
Members of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the Innovation Economy 2017 report, as required by Act 260, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007. In accordance with Section 93-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the report may be viewed electronically at <http://ers.ehawaii.gov/resources/report-to-legislature>.

Sincerely,

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EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 260, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2007
RELATING TO THE INNOVATION ECONOMY

HAWAII VENTURE CAPITAL INVESTMENT
2017

Act 260, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, expresses the State's desire to increase economic growth through the development of the State's human resources, and employing these highly skilled resources to leverage increases in innovation across the State's economy.

The Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System (ERS) acknowledges the intent of Act 260. Accordingly, the ERS, through its investment policies and an appropriate-sized funding allocation, has demonstrated a commitment to supporting an innovation economy while at the same time pursuing its objectives of achieving attractive venture capital investment return for the benefit of its beneficiaries.

The ERS Board approved the creation of a Hawaii Targeted Investment Program (HiTIP) Policies and Procedures on March 10, 2008, which included the adoption of funding criteria, as required by Act 260. A \$25 million program funding allocation and a comprehensive HiTIP operating structure were approved on November 10, 2008 and December 8, 2008, respectively. A \$35 million program for HiTIP II was approved on September 12, 2016 and closed in the first quarter of 2017. The purpose of the HiTIP is to invest venture capital in locally-based early-stage technology companies through a portfolio of local, regional, and national venture capital funds within an institutional investment program structure. Under a competitive search process, the ERS selected a discretionary investment manager to operate and manage the HiTIP, which is projected to have a program lifespan of up to 15 years.

The ERS is required to annually report any Hawaii venture capital investment. For calendar-year 2017, the ERS has supported Act 260 through the following investment measures:

- Since inception, HiTIP has committed \$36.25 million into ten private equity funds and one Hawaii-based co-investment. HiTIP I, at \$25.25 million of total capital, is fully committed to seven private equity funds and one co-investment. HiTIP II, a \$35.25 million pool, began investing in 2017 and has committed \$11 million to three private equity funds.
- HiTIP seeks to invest in the major industry sectors of the Hawaiian entrepreneurial ecosystem. As a percent of committed capital, HiTIP I is allocated 37% to Information Technology, 28% to Clean Technologies, 25% to Life Sciences, and 10% to Dual-Use. The HiTIP II portfolio is still under construction. As of September 2017, it is allocated 100% to Information Technology.
- Since inception, HiTIP funds have looked at 887 investment opportunities with 497 Hawaii-based companies. Of these companies, 71 are currently being tracked for a potential future investment.

- HiTIP I Funds have invested into five companies operating in or that were started in Hawaii. Total direct investment by HiTIP funds into Hawaiian companies is \$33.4 million, 134% of ERS's HiTIP commitment. Including capital from co-investors, \$146 million has been invested into Hawaiian companies, 584% of ERS's HiTIP commitment. Multiple Hawaii based companies are in discussions with HiTIP funds for potential investment.
- As of September 2017, the HiTIP portfolio has distributed 41% of invested capital. A major source of liquidity in the portfolio has come from eight Initial Public Offerings (IPOs). MPM BioVentures V portfolio company Rhythm Pharmaceuticals (NASDAQ: RYTM) completed its initial public offering in October 2017. Epic Venture Partners IV portfolio company Everspin Technologies (MRAM) went public in October 2016. Another Epic portfolio company, Instructure (INST), the largest position in the fund by total value, went public in November 2015. Pantentes Talgo (TGO) from Vantera Transformative Energy and Materials Fund went public in May 2015. Conatus Pharmaceuticals (CNAT) and Aratana Therapeutics (PETX) from MPM BioVentures V and Receptos (RCPT) from Polaris Venture Partners VI went public in 2013. Versastem (VSTM) from MPM BioVentures V went public in 2012.
- As of September 30, 2017, the gross Internal Rate of Return (IRR) of the HiTIP I fund is 8.9% with a Distributed to Paid-In Ratio (DPI) of 0.41x and a Total Value to Paid-In Ratio (TVPI) of 1.35x. HiTIP II is too early for meaningful performance data.