

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1855

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 06 2023

RE: H.B. No. 991
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 991, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to assist the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation in facilitating economic development in the State.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Changes the cap for awards to assist businesses applying for the Small Business Innovation Research Grant Program and the Small Business Technology Transfer Grant Program to an unspecified amount; and
- (2) Adds the purchase of renewable energy systems as an eligible expense, and clarifies that training on both new and existing manufacturing equipment are eligible expenses, for the Manufacturing Development Grant Program.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and



Tourism; Hawaii Food Manufacturers Association; and Hawaii Food Industry Association.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation's grant programs provide leverage and positive economic development value for the State. Your Committee further finds that grant recipients are key contributors to the State's food security, sustainability, resiliency, and innovation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting language from Senate Bill No. 1297, Senate Draft 2, that amends the composition of the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation's Board of Directors to:

- (1) Delete reference to an "appointed member from the University of Hawaii"; and
- (2) Include the Chairperson of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, unless the Chairperson, with the approval of the Board of Regents, designates another Regent to serve.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 991, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 991, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

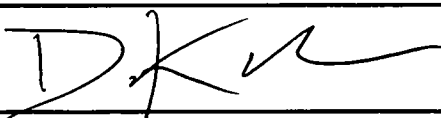
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Second Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB991, HD1	Committee Referral: EET, WAM	Date: 4/5/23		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)				✓
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	✓			
DECOITE, Lynn	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
LEE, Chris	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.				✓
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				✓
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	10			3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes