

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2677**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2024

RE: S.B. No. 3045
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism,
to which was referred S.B. No. 3045 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:

- (1) Increase the cap for awards to assist businesses applying for the Small Business Innovation Research Grant Program and the Small Business Technology Transfer Grant Program of the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation;
- (2) Add the purchase of renewable energy systems as an eligible expense under the Manufacturing Development Grant Program; and
- (3) Clarify that training on both new and existing manufacturing equipment is an eligible expense for the Manufacturing Development Grant Program.

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



System; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; and Hawaii Food Industry Association.

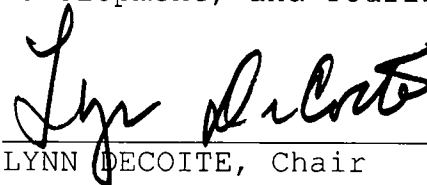
Your Committee received comments on this measure from Oceanit.

Your Committee finds that it is critical for the State to diversify the local economy by developing a flourishing technology industry that provides quality, high-paying jobs for Hawaii residents. Therefore, this administrative measure makes various amendments to the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation law under chapter 206M, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Specifically, this measure will encourage and assist applicants to obtain federal grants by increasing the cap for awards that may be used to contract grant writing assistance; increase workforce productivity and wages by clarifying that training on new or existing manufacturing equipment is an eligible expense under the Manufacturing Development Grant Program; and help manufacturers offset the high energy costs in Hawaii by adding the purchase of renewable energy systems as an eligible expense under the Manufacturing Development Grant Program.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3045, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3045, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



LYNN DECOITE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 3045	EET, WAM	2-15-24
<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	
DECOITE, Lynn (C)	✓	
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓	
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓	
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓	
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓	
TOTAL	5	0
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Recommendation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature: _____		
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