

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2308

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2026

RE: S.B. No. 3166
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, to which was referred S.B. No. 3166 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 appropriate funds to establish one full-time equivalent permanent Advanced Manufacturing and Cybersecurity Specialist position and one full-time equivalent permanent Marketing and Branding Specialist position within the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Normal Corporation; Nāmaka Algae, Inc.; Pi'iku Co.; PacMar Technologies; Hub Coworking Hawaii; Pacific Impact Zone; Hawaiian King Candies, LLC; Island Princess; Coffees of Hawaii; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that advanced manufacturing and cybersecurity are critical components for the growth of the State's technology sector, including the blue economy, aerospace, renewable energy, and research and development initiatives. Despite its growth in recent years, the manufacturing sector remains underrepresented in the State compared to national averages, partially due to insufficient internal capacity and a



lack of sustained investment in the Corporation to support local businesses. This measure aligns that State with best practices in technology-driven economic development by utilizing targeted expertise and effective outreach to foster innovation clusters and support commercialization.

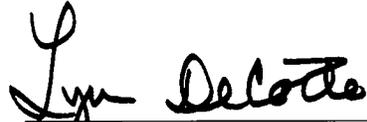
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation amount from:
 - (A) \$100,000 to an unspecified amount for the establishment of one full-time equivalent permanent Advanced Manufacturing and Cybersecurity Specialist position within the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to lead statewide initiatives; and
 - (B) \$100,000 to an unspecified amount for the establishment of one full-time equivalent permanent Marketing and Branding Specialist position with the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to support the Corporation's strategic plan,to encourage further discussion on the measure;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development and Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3166, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3166, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.



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


LYNN DECOITE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Economic Development and Tourism
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 3166	Committee Referral: EDT, WAM	Date: 2/10/26		
<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	4	0	0	1
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