



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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SB 2807 SD1 – RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Clark, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i (UH) supports SB 2807 SD1 that appropriates funds to the Manufacturing Assistance Program (MAP) at the Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation (HTDC).

HTDC's MAP offers Hawai'i-based manufacturers up to a 20 percent reimbursement of up to \$100,000 on qualified expenses to help them become globally competitive. These expenses include: equipment purchases, training, energy efficiency projects, and manufacturing feasibility studies.

With programs such as MAP, continued or increased funding for HTDC is crucial to moving innovation, commercialization and manufacturing efforts forward in the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.