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To: Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation Board of Directors

From: Dane Wicker, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism,

**Deputy Director** 

Date: July, 2023

First Responder Technology Campus Committee Subject:

# SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: Possible Board discussion.

The First Responder Technology Campus Committee met on Wednesday, July 5, 2023 and discussed generally a framework to move forward on what the future for the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) parcel in the Mililani Technology Park (MTP) Phase II could consider including the first phase of a First Repsonders Tech Campus, refocusing on specific agencies that provide first responder services and the data center to attract tech and innovation industries, or options should lands be transferred out of HTDC.

No future meeting has been scheduled at this point in time.

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Possible Board discussion.



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# WHAT'S NEW: NEW SUNSHINE LAW REQUIREMENTS July 7, 2023

The State Office of Information Practices (OIP) reminds Sunshine Law boards that two 2023 laws, Act 019 and Act 125, added new Sunshine Law requirements effective July 1 and October 1, 2023.

Act 019 (SB 1513), which went into effect on July 1, requires a board to report its discussion and any final action it took in an executive session when it reconvenes in public session. The board is not required to disclose any information that would be inconsistent with the purpose of the executive session. If disclosure would frustrate the purpose of the executive session, the board can keep the information confidential for as long as that continues to be true. Instead, a board should briefly summarize what happened in the executive session, without disclosing any sensitive details, and give the public an idea of what topic the board discussed during the session. While boards normally should not be voting in executive session, OIP has recognized that in limited instances, a vote may be necessary in executive session to avoid frustrating the purpose of the session, and thus, the board must now inform the public that it took action and what it decided in general terms without disclosing confidential information. Act 019 went into effect July 1, so boards should now be making this required report after every executive session.

Act 125 (HB 712, HD 1, SD 1) encourages boards to keep recordings of remote meetings online even after posting the meeting minutes online. The new law requires that before a board removes a remote meeting recording from its website, it must first send a copy of the recording to the State Archives. For all types of meetings, the new law also requires the beginning of a board's written minutes to include a link to an electronic audio or video recording of the meeting if such a recording is available online. (Recorded minutes already require both a recording and, in the written summary, a link to that recording.) The new law does not create a new requirement for boards to record meetings or to post meeting minutes online, so the new requirements apply only to recordings that boards are already creating and posting, typically because they are holding remote meetings or are choosing to create recorded minutes. Act 125 goes into effect October 1, 2023.

OIP is currently updating its training materials as needed to reflect these new requirements. For impartial and objective open government news, check OIP's website at oip.hawaii.gov, sign up for OIP's What's New emailed articles at oip@hawaii.gov, or call (808) 586-1400 to speak to the Attorney of the Day.





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To: Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation Board of Directors

From: Wayne Inouye, HTDC Acting Executive Director

Date: June 19, 2023

Subject: Executive Director's Report

### SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:

Information only. No action requested.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

#### PROGRAM UPDATES

#### A. Legislative Updates

The following bills have significant impact on HTDC:

- 1. HTDC Omnibus Bill (HB999, HD1, SD2, CD1) Governor vetored 07/07/23 stating that although it provides much needed funing that supports HTDC core programs, it also proposes a new composition of the HTDC Board of Directors that tartgets a current sitting member and removes this member from serving. The bill requires th University of hawaii (UH) ability to decide and designate the most appropriate representative within its organization. UH Regents devote a significant amount of time and effort to ensure the higher education needs of the State are met through their duties as Regents; adding further duties, unrelated to higher education, would detract from this.
- 2. Digital Currency Bill (SB945 SD2, HD2, CD2) Governor vetoed on 07/07/23 stating that the bill is objectionable because it would establish a licensing program before the State has the resources it needs to effectively implement the program. Furthermore, additional study under the Digital Currently Innovation Lab would be helput to gather more data through the digital sandbox before procedding with a licensing program, particularly after the recent troubles surrounding the collaple of FTX, which operatred a cryptocurrently exchance.
- 3. State Budget (HB300, HD1, SD1, CD1) Appropriated Aerospace Coordinator Position, two Economic Development Specialists and one Economic Development Manager. \$50 million for the infrastructure improvement for regional economic development (line-item vetoed by the Governor) and \$4 million for Microgrid/Hydrogen project (line-item vetoed reduced to \$2 million) and \$5 million for strategic development activities.

# **B.** First Responders Tech Campus (FRTC)

Covered under Agenda item 6



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# C. Entrepreneurs Sandbox

- 1. Creative Morning held on June 26<sup>th</sup> hosted a community talk with Robynne Maii, first Native Hawaiian woman to win a James Beard award on what inspires her journey as an entrepreneur.
- 2. Blue Startups hosted a Founders Mixer and info session for Cohort 15 on July 7<sup>th</sup> with attendees pitching ideas and networking with the wider entrepreneur community.

# **D.** Sponsorships:

- 1. Three Accelerators sponsorships awarded to new accelerator pilot programs
  - a) \$15K awarded to HIPlan on Hawaii Island, Germinate-Agritechfood focus. Led by Jim Wyban and Jason Ueki who have been leading the agtech movement and will be hosing an Agtechfood Conference in September at the Hawaii Convention Center.
  - b) \$20K awarded to Chamber of Commerce for a new pilot program focusing on startup manufacturing companies.
  - c) \$19K awarded to PAI Foundation supporting local fabric production and design entrepreneurs. Led by Aunty Vicky a well known jumu and iconic leader in the Hawaiian community.

# E. Hawai'i Small Business Capital Program (HI-CAP)

1. No Update

#### F. INNOVATE Hawai'i (IH) Program

1. No update

#### G. Hawaii Center for Advanced Transportation Technology (HCATT) Program

- 1. Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT), Deputy Directory, Dane Wicker to tour PEARL Micrgrid on June 24<sup>th</sup>.
- 2. Contruction of the Microgrid continues.

#### H. Budget

As mentioned, HB300 appropriates \$8,624,444.00 to HTDC. The \$2M for heatt requires Governor's approval to be released. There is also a 10% restriction of \$662,446 applied to our budget. EM 23-02 released 25% of the amount for the first quarter expenses. HTDC is also assied to disburse grant-in-aid to Oceanit Research Foundation in the amount of \$200,000.