

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1409

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 23, 2007

RE: S.B. No. 907  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns,  
to which was referred S.B. No. 907, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AEROSPACE DEVELOPMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to position Hawaii to take part  
in the aerospace industry by:

- (1) Renaming the Office of Space Industry, the Office of  
Aerospace Development (Aerospace Office);
- (2) Expanding the duties of the Aerospace Office to include  
the identification and promotion of opportunities for  
expanding and diversifying aerospace-related industries  
in the state; and
- (3) Appropriating funds to operate the Aerospace Office and  
establish and operate a Pacific International Space  
Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES).

The University of Hawaii at Hilo, former Governor George  
Ariyoshi, Space Portal, ROCKETPLANE KISTLER INC., Japan-United  
States Science, Technology and Space Applications Program, JAMSS  
America, Inc., Enterprise Honolulu, SpacePartnerships.com, Hawaii  
Island Economic Development Board, Inc., and many concerned

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individuals testified in support of this bill. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, commented.

In 2005, Congress ratified the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Vision for Space Exploration in Public Law 109-155, which directs NASA to work closely with the private sector to:

*[E]stablish a program to develop a sustained human presence on the Moon, including a robust precursor program, to promote exploration, science, commerce, and United States preeminence in space, and as a stepping-stone to future exploration of Mars and other destinations.*

This bill seeks to position Hawaii for participation in this endeavor, and to capitalize on characteristics that make Hawaii an ideal location for an aerospace industry: its mid-Pacific, near equatorial location, volcanic terrain, long-standing ties with Asia-Pacific nations, and resident expertise in space-related fields.

Your Committee understands that one version of this bill requested funds for a Federal Aviation Administration commercial spaceport license for shuttle flights out of Honolulu International Airport. Your Committee respectfully requests the Committee on Finance, to which this bill has been referred, to examine the availability of funding for this license, and for the other requests under this bill.

To encourage further discussion of the measure your Committee has changed its effective date to July 1, 2034. Technical, nonsubstantive amendments were also made for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 907, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 907, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.



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Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Economic  
Development & Business  
Concerns,



KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



