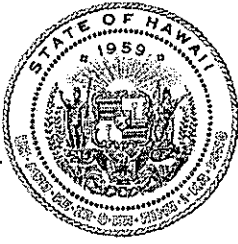


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Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i
Aerospace Advisory Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee,
Michael T. Maberry, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.



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Statement of

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before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

Thursday, April 14, 2011

2:00 p.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in consideration of

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RELATING TO CONFIRMATIONS FOR THE
HAWAII AEROSPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee. The department strongly supports the nomination of Michael Maberry for appointment to the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee.

Michael Maberry brings with him unique and outstanding credentials that can support the Aerospace Advisory Committee's mandate to advise and assist the Legislature and State agencies in monitoring, assessing and promoting aerospace development statewide. We are most fortunate to have Michael Maberry's enthusiastic commitment and support for this endeavor, and would urge your favorable disposition on his nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Michael Maberry's behalf.

April 11, 2011

Senator Will Espero
Chair, Senate Committee on Public Safety,
Government Operations, and Military Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 231
Honolulu, Hawai'i, 96813

Dear Senator Espero:

Re: Nomination to the Hawai'i Aerospace Advisory Committee

I wish to serve the state of Hawai'i and my fellow citizens of Hawai'i as a member of the Hawai'i Aerospace Advisory Committee (AAC). I believe we must be responsive and vigilant in order to ensure Hawai'i is well poised to take maximum advantage of our unique location in the Pacific, and on planet Earth, to capture opportunities in the exciting, lucrative and clean technology field of aerospace.

As a member of the AAC, it will be my responsibility to stay abreast of the latest state, national, and global trends and priorities in aerospace development. I will apply my experience and expertise to help the AAC fulfill its responsibility of identifying and promoting opportunities to expand and diversify aerospace development and aerospace-related industries in Hawai'i.

I serve the community of Maui as the Secretary of the Board of the Maui Economic Development Board (MEDB) and have been nominated to represent MEDB on the AAC. I have been a resident of Maui and an employee of the University of Hawaii's, Institute for Astronomy (IfA) for almost twenty-seven years. During my tenure with the IfA I have been involved in all aspects of Hawaii's astronomical and space surveillance activities, not just associated with Haleakalā but with Maunakea as well. I have been directly and technically involved with state of the art space related instrumentation, data acquisition and storage, facility and technical staff management, and long range planning.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism's (DBEDT) Office of Aerospace Development is an extremely important resource for Hawai'i and yet due to the current financial climate, it has limited support. I would like to do everything I can help BDEDT fulfill its charge to develop scientific, educational, and economic strategies and government and education policies to promote the growth and diversification of the aerospace industry in Hawai'i.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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