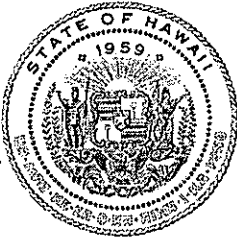


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before the

**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

GM 770

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 Donald Straney for appointment to the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee.

Donald Straney 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 Donald Straney'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 Donald Straney's behalf.

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO

UH Hilo Administration
Office of the Chancellor

April 13, 2011

Senator Will Espero
Chair, Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations and Military Affairs
and
Senator Michelle Kidani
Vice Chair, Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations and Military Affairs
Senate
Hawai'i State Legislature
Hawai'i State Capitol

RE: GM770 for Confirmation to the Hawai'i Aerospace Advisory Committee,
Gubernatorial Nominee, DONALD STRANEY, for a term to expire 6-30-2013

Dear Chair Espero and Vice Chair Kidani:

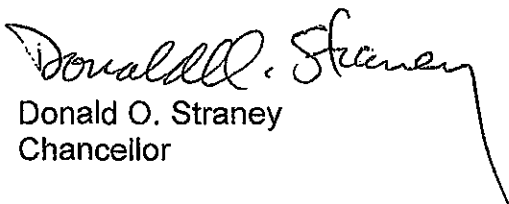
I have been nominated to serve on the Aerospace Advisory Committee and would be honored to have the opportunity to serve.

Act 52 from the 2009 Legislature called for the formation of this committee "to advise and assist the Legislature and State agencies in monitoring, assessing and promoting aerospace development statewide." According to the guidelines, the University of Hawai'i at Hilo is to have one representative on the committee.

I would welcome the opportunity to use my experience and knowledge to help advance aerospace development in Hawai'i. Prior to becoming UH Hilo chancellor last July, I served as dean of science at California State Polytechnic University. I had joined Cal Poly Pomona in 2002 after spending 23 years at Michigan State University, a university which consistently leads the nation in using applied science to advance the public good. I chaired the Department of Zoology at Michigan State from 1986 to 1995.

I believe my professional experience in higher education and scientific research would bring valuable perspectives to the committee and to its mission.

Sincerely,



Donald O. Straney
Chancellor