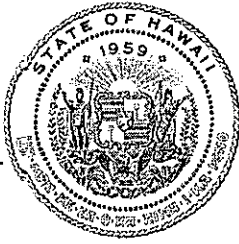


GM771

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i
Aerospace Advisory Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee,
Derrick Tsuruda, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.



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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 771

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 Derrick Tsuruda for appointment to the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee.

Derrick Tsuruda 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 Derrick Tsuruda'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 Derrick Tsuruda's behalf.

Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations and Military Affairs

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Support for GM 771, relating to my nomination to the Aerospace Advisory Committee

I am Derrick Tsuruda, State Educational Specialist for Science, Hawaii Department of Education. I am writing in support of my nomination to the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee.

I wish to be a member of the Aerospace Advisory Committee so that I may lend my support and assistance as we move towards more 21st century professions and interest areas as they pertain to the aerospace industry.

It is important that our committee is comprised of people from these various areas: the general aerospace industry, the aerospace industry specific to Hawaii, investment banking, economic development boards from our neighbor islands, and both the DOE and post-secondary education. Each voice needs to be heard since all areas have a stake in the present and future of the aerospace industry in Hawaii: the content, funding, context, influence, and sustainability of the aerospace industry are inexplicably linked to this endeavor.

Being the State Educational Specialist for Science for the Department of Education allows me to bring a unique perspective to our work. I am able to make the connections between what happens in the classroom in terms of content and curriculum and the real-life skills that our graduates need to have in order to be successful in careers like those in the aerospace industry. I can work with my post-secondary counterparts so that the momentum engendered in the secondary years is carried forward. We can help inspire interest and prepare the next generation of specialized individuals who will maintain and expand the technologies needed to be at the forefront of aerospace development and implementation.

In concert with my response above, I would hope to accomplish a cataloging of the skills and content-knowledge in the sciences that are needed to be introduced to students and mastered by them at the school-level so that a doable and logical sequence of curriculum and instruction could be developed. I hope to work with my post-secondary counterparts so that this sequence is continued and expanded in the college arena resulting in an informed and effective workforce in this specific field.

I ask for the consideration and confirmation of my nomination to the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee. Thank you for your time and the opportunity to testify.