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Statement of
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before the
**HOUSE COMMITTEES ON WATER, LAND, AND OCEAN RESOURCES
AND
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

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in consideration of
HB 2872, H.D. 1
RELATING TO AEROSPACE HIGH TECHNOLOGY DISTRICTS.

Chairs Chang and Coffman, Vice Chairs Har and Kawakami, and Members of the House Committees on Water, Land, and Ocean Resources and Energy and Environmental Protection.

The Office of Planning (OP) supports the intent of HB 2872, H.D. 1 to facilitate the development of aerospace high technology facilities in the State of Hawaii. We are concerned, however, that the outright allowance of aerospace facilities as a permitted use on Agricultural District lands with soil productivity ratings C, D, or E, could allow potentially significant developments to occur in the Agricultural District without adequate consideration of impacts and needed mitigation relative to agricultural activities, surrounding uses, and public facilities and services.

Should this bill move forward, we would recommend that any proposed aerospace high technology facility within the Agricultural District be subject to a Special Permit in accordance

with Hawaii Revised Statutes section 205-6 and Hawaii Administrative Rules sections 15-15-95 and 15-15-96.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.