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Statement of

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before the

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION & BUSINESS**

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State Capitol, Conference Room 312

in consideration of

**HCR140**

**REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF AEROSPACE DEVELOPMENT  
TO COORDINATE COMMENTS AND IDENTIFY A LEAD ENTITY TO PREPARE A  
PROPOSAL, ON BEHALF OF THE STATE, FOR HAWAII TO BE SELECTED AS  
ONE OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION'S SIX UNMANNED  
AIRCRAFT SYSTEM TEST SITES.**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Choy, and Members of the Committee.

The department supports the intent of HCR140, which requests our department's Office of Aerospace Development to facilitate Hawaii's bid for selection as one of six national test sites for unmanned aerial systems (UAS).

Hawaii, by virtue of its strategic mid-Pacific location, abundant over-water airspace, established instrumented and DoD-managed range infrastructure and associated test expertise, and closely coordinated military and civilian aviation communities, provides an ideal location for evaluating and integrating unmanned aircraft with the national airspace system. Selection of Hawaii as a national UAS test site could bring new high paying jobs and extramural revenue streams to the State, as well as help establish Hawaii as a nationally recognized center of excellence for the development and testing of advanced aviation technologies.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.