

GM 575

Report Title:

Board of Directors of the Pacific International Space
Center for Exploration Systems

Measure Title:

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of
Directors of the Pacific International Space Center for
Exploration Systems, Gubernatorial Nominee, GEORGE
ARIYOSHI, for a term to expire 6-30-2016

George R. Ariyoshi
Governor of Hawaii,
1973 - 1986



February 21, 2013

The Honorable Will Espero
Chair, Senate Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

re: Nomination to PISCES (Pacific Int'l. Space Center for Exploration Systems)

Dear Senator Espero:

In response to your letter of February 20, 2013, I submit the following:

- 1) Hawaii's strategic mid-Pacific/near-equatorial location, Moon/Mars-like terrain, resident expertise in multiple aerospace-related technologies, and long-standing ties with space-faring nations throughout Asia and the Pacific, clearly afford strategic assets and capabilities that can be leveraged to realize humankind's full potential in space, and in so doing engage our State as both a major contributor to and beneficiary of global space enterprise.

The Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES) is designed to leverage Hawaii's intrinsic assets and capabilities, as well as the emerging global trends in the aerospace industry, toward developing a world-class center of excellence in Hawaii that can facilitate the design, testing and validation of new technologies to support both robotic and human missions to space. In so doing, PISCES will serve as an economic driver for the island of Hawaii that will promote the establishment and growth of new sustainable "green" industries, along with associated high-paying jobs, professional internships, and new science, engineering and math education programs statewide.

Recognizing this significant opportunity for the Aloha State, I am both excited about and committed to supporting PISCES growth and development as Chairman of its Board of Directors.

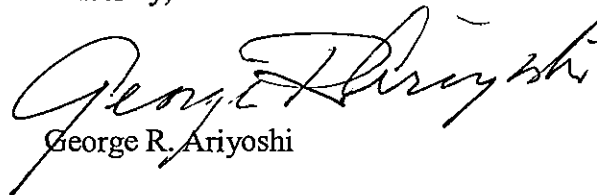
- 2) For the past two decades, I have served as senior advisor to the Japan-U.S. Science, Technology and Space Applications Program (JUSTSAP), which helped develop and implement the PISCES concept. In addition, my extensive contacts with both the Hawaii and international business communities, as well as my intimate familiarity with and understanding of our State's political, scientific and educational sectors, will enable me to help mobilize the resources that will be required to expand and diversify PISCES operations over the coming years.

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- 3) As I mentioned in my response to Question 1 above, PISCES is exceptionally well-positioned to leverage Hawaii's strategic assets and capabilities to advance our State's role as both a major contributor to and beneficiary of space enterprise. Working with my fellow Board members, I plan to help establish PISCES as a premier international center for the development, testing, validation and implementation of innovative technologies that will enable pioneering robotic and human missions beyond low-Earth orbit. In so doing, I hope to enable multiple opportunities for Hawaii's citizens to engage in this enterprise - inspiring the next generation of scientists, engineers, educators and entrepreneurs that will lead humanity to the frontiers of space.
- 4) I do not foresee any conflicts of interest in serving on the PISCES Board of Directors.

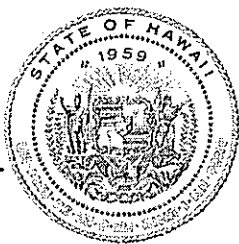
I hope my responses have answered your questions adequately. I would be happy to discuss my responses further if necessary.

Sincerely,



George R. Ariyoshi

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Statement of

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before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

Thursday, February 28, 2013

2:45 p.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in consideration of

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**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL SPACE CENTER FOR
EXPLORATION SYSTEMS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, GEORGE ARIYOSHI,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2016.**

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism **supports** the nomination of the Honorable George Ariyoshi to the Board of Directors for the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES).

In addition to 32 years of distinguished service in elective politics, including thirteen years as Governor of the State of Hawaii, Mr. Ariyoshi has also had extensive experience serving on executive boards for both public and private organizations and corporations in the United States and abroad. As U.S. Advisor to the Japan-U.S. Science, Technology and Space Applications Program (JUSTSAP), he also was directly responsible for overseeing the development and implementation of PISCES.

As such, we believe Mr. Ariyoshi has the professional skills and experience required to serve on the PISCES Board of Directors and recommend his confirmation to this position.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this nomination.