

GM 652

Report Title:

Hawai'i Aerospace Advisory Committee

Measure Title:

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Aerospace Advisory Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL MABERRY, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

February 21, 2013

Senator Will Espero
Hawaii State Capitol
Room 231
Honolulu, Hawaii
96813

Dear Senator Espero:

Re: Nomination to the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee

Thank you for your letter of congratulations and for offering me the opportunity to respond to your questions regarding my nomination to continue to serve our state as a member of the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee.

Question:

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee?

I would like to continue as a member of the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee serving my community by providing my experience and expertise in astronomy and space surveillance toward the growth and expansion of our economy in clean high-tech sustainable aerospace related endeavors .

(2) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee.

The Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee was created by Act 52, SLH 2009, to advise and assist the legislature and state agencies in monitoring, assessing, and promoting aerospace development statewide. I am employed by the University of Hawaii, Institute for Astronomy (IfA) where I have worked in the field of astronomy and space surveillance for the last twenty-nine years. I am the IfA's Assistant Director and serve as the Institute-wide external relations liaison. I am responsible for planning and directing IfA's technical and engineering marketing/promotional activities for astronomical research, education, outreach, and advanced technical developments, high-tech business opportunities and community relations for Mauna Kea and Haleakala. I have represented the IfA as a member of the Maui Economic Development Board since 2000 and have served as the Secretary of the Board since 2005.

(3) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

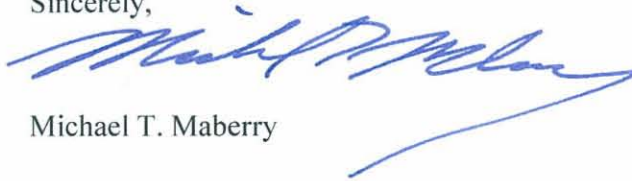
During my next term in office I hope to continue assisting DBEDT's efforts to promote opportunities to expand and diversify aerospace development and aerospace related opportunities in Hawaii.

(4) *Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?*

As a state employee with no outside employment or financial interests I cannot foresee any potential conflicts of interest.

Thank you again for your time and consideration. Should you have any additional questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Michael T. Maberry



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**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 HAWAII
AEROSPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MICHAEL
MABERRY, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2015.**

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

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism **supports** the nomination of Mr. Michael Maberry to the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee (HAAC).

As Assistant Director for External Affairs at the Institute for Astronomy, Mr. Maberry plays a critical role in communicating the activities of the Institute to the public at large, including federally and internationally funded research programs focusing on galaxies, cosmology, stars, planets, and our Sun. He also is instrumental in promoting astronomy education in local communities statewide, as well as the development and management of the world-class observatories on Haleakala and Mauna Kea.

As such, we believe Mr. Maberry has the professional skills and experience required to serve on the HAAC and recommend his confirmation to this position.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this nomination.