

GM 657

Report Title:

Hawai'i Aerospace Advisory Committee

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



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University of Hawai'i at Hilo Administration
Office of the Chancellor

February 26, 2013

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

Dear Senator Espero,

Re: Nomination to the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee (HAAC)

In response to your letter requesting information regarding my nomination to the HAAC, I would like to confirm my willingness and ability to serve as a member.

Why do you wish to be a member of the HAAC:

I wish to offer my experience and skills to promote aeronautical science and research in Hawaii and the development of technology and high-paying jobs within the state of Hawai'i.

2) given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the HAAC, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position. Please include a brief statement of skills, expertise, or knowledge that would air in your decision-making ability as a member of the HAAC:

I believe my skills, experience, and education (see attached resume) qualify me to understand the role and responsibilities of the HAAC and make necessary decisions and participate in its strategic planning.

As an administrator and educator at various universities since 1981, I have the experience with productively working with scientists, government agencies, public and private organizations, business leaders and community representatives. These have led to the establishment and improvement of degree and outreach programs and private-public collaborations to improve higher education and research.

It has been my privilege to serve as the chancellor of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo since 2010. During this time, UH Hilo established new doctoral degree programs and saw the opening of the new Sciences and Technology building. The university is continuing its initiatives that focus on the promotion of under-represented groups in science and technology. As chancellor, the Office of Mauna Kea Management is (OMKM) under my direct supervision. OMKM is charged with the great responsibility of management and stewardship of the Mauna Kea Science Reserve.

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

I hope to assist the Council to meet its responsibilities and support those goals that have been established by the Council. I also hope to promote greater public awareness and support of its goals.

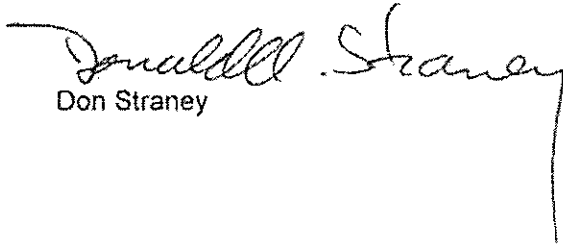
4) Can you foresee possible conflicts of interest that could arrive during your service on the HAAC? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

I do not foresee possible conflicts of interest but if the potential of a conflict does arise in the future, I would first inform the HAAC chair and together decide what course(s) of action may be necessary at that time.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. I can be reached in my office at (808) 974-7444 or email at dstraney@hawaii.edu

Thank you for your consideration of my nomination to serve on the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Council.

Yours sincerely,


Don Straney

Donald Straney, PhD

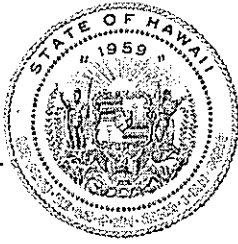
Donald Straney became the seventh chancellor at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo in 2010. Under Chancellor Straney's leadership, UH Hilo has established new doctoral degree programs in Nursing Practice and Pharmaceutical Sciences, started construction on new buildings for Student Services and the College of Hawaiian Language, opened a new Sciences & Technology building, and secured \$32 million in funding from the State Legislature for student housing.

Chancellor Straney serves as co-chair of the Hawai'i Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research Statewide Committee, on the State of Hawai'i Aeronautics Advisory Committee, the County of Hawai'i Island Workforce Investment Board, and the Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He serves as Hawai'i representative on the Council of State Representatives of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

Previously, Chancellor Straney was dean of the College of Science and professor of biology at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, where he helped establish international degree programs in biotechnology, joint degree programs with universities in Malaysia and Morocco, and outreach programs to technology businesses. Before that, he spent 23 years at Michigan State University, serving as chair of the Department of Zoology and assistant to the provost for faculty development. Since 2003, he has served on the National Advisory Board of the Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning at Madison, Wisconsin.

An evolutionary biologist by training, Chancellor Straney studied patterns of change in a variety of organisms. He received his bachelor of science and master of science in zoology from Michigan State University and doctor of philosophy in zoology from the University of California, Berkeley.

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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, DONALD
STRANEY, 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 Chancellor Donald Straney to the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee (HAAC).

As Chancellor and Chief Executive at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, Dr. Straney has the leadership responsibility for the immediate operational management and governance of the U.H. Hilo campus. He also is a member of the National Advisory Board for the Center for the Integration of Teaching, Research and Learning at the University of Wisconsin, and has served as principal investigator for research funded by the National Science Foundation, the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, and the U.S. Department of Education.

As such, we believe Chancellor Straney 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.