

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 725  
A BILL RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION

PRESENTATION TO THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

BY

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Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and Members of the House Committee on Finance.

I am Major General Darryll D. M. Wong, State Adjutant General. I am testifying in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 725.

HB 725 will develop a state-of-art college level aviation training program that will include aircraft, pilot training, simulation and air space integration.

This proposed aviation training program will assist the diversification of Hawaii's economy. It will provide a workforce trained for high priority science and technology careers. It will provide an aviation training center which services the Pacific Rim. The aviation program provides for a long-overdue avenue for our Hawaii youth in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) areas.

I strongly urge you to pass HB 725.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

**LATE TESTIMONY**

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