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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board Of Directors Of The Pacific International Space Center For Exploration, Gubernatorial Nominee, KIM BINSTED, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

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before the

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

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1:15 p.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 229

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, KIM BINSTED, FOR A
TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2020.**

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Espero, and members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism **supports** the nomination of Kim Binsted to serve on the Board of Directors of the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES).

Dr. Binsted is a professor in the Information and Computer Sciences Department at the University of Hawaii, where she pursues research on artificial intelligence, human-computer interfaces, and long-duration human space exploration. Dr. Binsted also served as co-investigator in the UH-NASA Astrobiology Institute (2003-2014), and as Chief Scientist on the FMARS 2007 Long Duration Mission (a four-month Mars exploration analogue on Devon Island in the Canadian High Arctic). In 2009, she participated as a visiting scientist at the Canadian Space Agency (CSA), working on the CSA's planetary analogs program. She is now the principal investigator on the NASA-funded HI-SEAS (Hawaii Space Exploration Analog and Simulation, hi-seas.org) project, which conducts long-duration space exploration simulations at an isolated habitat on Mauna Loa volcano (island of Hawaii).

We believe Dr. Binsted's extensive leadership experience with and broad knowledge of space-related research and development programs strongly qualifies her to serve as a member of the PISCES Board of Directors.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this message.