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Measure Title: REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF AEROSPACE DEVELOPMENT TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE GIL KAHELE AERO TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS.

Report Title: Office of Aerospace Development; Gil Kahele Aero Technology Campus

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

and the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
ENVIRONMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY**

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in consideration of

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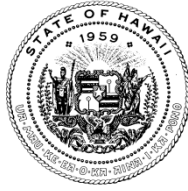
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PLAN FOR THE GIL KAHELE AERO TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS.**

Chairs Nishihara and Wakai, Vice-Chairs Espero and Slom, and Members of the Committees. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) supports the intent of these resolutions requesting the Office of Aerospace Development to assemble a team consisting of representatives from Hawaii-based technology development corporations, departments of the State, the University of Hawaii, the County of Hawaii, and other appropriate organizations to develop a plan for implementing the proposed Gil Kahele Aero Technology Campus on the Big Island. DBEDT offers the following comments.

This plan will ultimately require a detailed study to investigate a broad range of issues related to land acquisition and utilization, environmental assessments, infrastructure development, sustainable funding, and other factors that would impact the feasibility of building and operating the proposed center. Currently, the Office of Aerospace Development does not have the capacity to develop a plan for the Gil Kahele Aero Technology Campus. DBEDT suggests that these efforts should be coordinated by a technology development agency such as the High Technology Development Corporation. These issues could be identified and discussed by the proposed multi-agency team, with recommendations presented to the State Legislature before it reconvenes in 2017.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on these resolutions.

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Senate Committees on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs &
Economic Development, Environment, and Technology

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the establishment of the Gil Kahele Aero Technology Campus and will collaborate with the Office of Aerospace Development, Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, and the University of Hawaii at Hilo as necessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



**Department of Land and Natural Resources
Aha Moku Advisory Committee
State of Hawaii
Post Office Box 621
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**Testimony of
Les Kuloloio, Chair
Piilani Kaawaloa, Po'o, Moku O Keawe (Island of Hawaii)**

**Before the Senate Committees on
Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
Economic Development, Environment, and Technology**

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 27
SENATE RESOLUTION 10
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KAHELE AERO TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 27 and Senate Resolution 10 are requesting the Office of Aerospace Development to develop a plan for the Gil Kahele Aero Technology Campus. **The Aha Moku representing all eight islands strongly support this resolution.**

Gil Kahele was always a strong advocate in promoting the interest of and developing the talent of Native Hawaiians and other youth in aerospace technology. He often spoke of how fortunate the people of Hawaii were in having the opportunity to study space in the most pristine place in the world, especially Moku O Keawe, the Island of Hawaii where he was born and raised. He believed that it was natural for Native Hawaiians to have such a strong interest in aerospace because of their symbiotic relationship to nature and balance.

Gil Kahele was a keiki o ka 'aina – a child of the land and of the sea. He was one of the original native Hawaiian cultural practitioners who were responsible for the restoration of the Aha Moku System from the 9th century – the sustainable resource system that believed that responsible stewardship included awareness of the interconnections of the clouds, space, forests, valleys, land, streams, fishponds, and sea. Gil Kahele understood the connection between aerospace and natural and cultural resources. He encouraged others to develop that same understanding.

We believe that plans for the Gil Kahele Aero Technology Campus to be built in Hilo should move forward as a fitting reflection of a man who loved the people of Hawaii and believed they could lead the way in aerospace technology if given the chance.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this resolution and we urge its adoption.



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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
and the
Senate Committee on Economic Development, Environment, and Technology
Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 1:15 p.m.
By
Donald O. Straney, Chancellor
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DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE GIL KAHELE AERO TECHNOLOGY
CAMPUS

Chairs Nishihara and Wakai, Vice Chairs Espero and Slom, and members of the
committee:

My name is Donald Straney, and I am the Chancellor of University of Hawai'i at Hilo,
testifying in strong support of SCR 27/SR 10.

These resolutions will go a long way in creating economic development and work force
opportunities for Hawai'i County, the University System and the State.

We look forward to working with DBEDT, the office of Aerospace Development and
other named organizations to help create new jobs for our residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Statement of
Robbie Melton
Executive Director & CEO
High Technology Development Corporation
before the
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
And
Committee on Economic Development, Environment and Technology

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The High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) **supports the intent of SCR27 /SR10** that requests the Office of Aerospace Development to develop a plan for the Gil Kahele Aero Technology Campus.

As part of HTDC's vision to create 80,000 new innovation jobs in Hawaii earning \$80,000 or more by 2030, HTDC supports initiatives aimed at expanding Hawaii's tech and innovation sector.

HTDC, University of Hawaii Hilo, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems are working together to conduct a feasibility study to create a multi-purpose manufacturing facility to support the aerospace and astronomy industry in East Hawaii. The facility will be located in Hilo. The Multipurpose manufacturing facility will also serve as workforce training and internship programs to support the aerospace and astronomy industry. HTDC suggests that these efforts should be coordinated.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.