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Measure Title:	RECOGNIZING AEROSPACE AS A STRATEGIC AND TIMELY GROWTH INDUSTRY FOR HAWAII AND REQUESTING THE STATE ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE PROACTIVE, COORDINATED, AND SUSTAINED ACTION TO FULLY REALIZE THE SIGNIFICANT SCIENTIFIC, EDUCATIONAL, AND COMMERCIAL BENEFITS THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY CAN BRING TO THE STATE.
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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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State Capitol, Conference Room 229

in consideration of

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INDUSTRY FOR HAWAII AND REQUESTING THE STATE ADMINISTRATION TO
TAKE PROACTIVE, COORDINATED, AND SUSTAINED ACTION TO FULLY
REALIZE THE SIGNIFICANT SCIENTIFIC, EDUCATIONAL, AND COMMERCIAL
BENEFITS THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY CAN BRING TO THE STATE.**

Chairs Nishihara and Wakai, Vice-Chairs Espero and Slom, and Members of the Committees. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) supports with comments on these resolutions requesting the State to coordinate action to realize the scientific, educational, and commercial benefits aerospace-related industry can bring to Hawaii.

In concert with this request, the Office of Aerospace Development is currently discussing the resources required to draft a strategic plan that will explore options for expanding and diversifying aerospace-related programs statewide, as well as recommend methodologies and policies to achieve specific milestones in aerospace development over the next five years. If funds are appropriated for a director, OAD will be collaborating with the State's Aerospace Advisory Committee in preparing a draft of this plan for review and consideration by the Legislature by September 1st of 2017.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Don Aweau	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: In full support of this measure for a much needed diversification of Hawai'i's economy and to create support for the aerospace industry in educational, business, and employment opportunities to the State of Hawai'i. To his credit, Senator Gil Kahele's vision, provides an impetus for an industry that is a natural fit for our island's environment, location, military, technology and airline sectors. Urge the governor's administration to fully support the aerospace industry as a viable economic engine. Mahalo piha.

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