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Statement of
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before the
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

Tuesday, April 11, 2017
1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229
in consideration of

GM 536
**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAII
AEROSPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
MICHAEL JACOBS, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2019.**

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism strongly supports the nomination of Michael Jacobs to the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee (HAAC) for a term to expire June 30, 2019.

As Senior Director of Business Development for Propulsion Systems Division of Orbital ATK, Mr. Jacobs is responsible for the pursuit, capture, development, and implementation of various space launch and technology projects. He has been directly responsible for new technology product development as a prime contractor for the Department of Defense, NASA, and various commercial programs. As former deputy program director of Atlas Launch Operations for Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company, and as a program manager at General Dynamics Space Systems Division, Mr. Jacobs also has had extensive experience in both identifying and capturing business opportunities and in building solid relationships with both domestic and international aerospace partners and customers.

As such, we believe Michel Jacobs 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.