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Statement of  
**LUIS P. SALAVERIA**  
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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 693**  
**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE  
HAWAII AEROSPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, GUBERNATORIAL  
NOMINEE JACQUELINE HOOVER, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2021.**

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism strongly supports the nomination of Jacqueline Hoover to the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee (HAAC) for a term to expire June 30, 2021.

As set forth in Act 52 from the 2009 Legislative Session, a representative from the Hawaii Economic Development Board shall be appointed to represent this Board on the HAAC. As Executive Director of HIEDB, Ms. Hoover has served in this position since the Committee's inception, and her extensive efforts toward expanding and diversifying the Big Island's economy have been instrumental in enabling our State to pursue a broad range of aerospace-related activities, including development of a commercial spaceport in Kona, the launch and operation of the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES), diverse applications of unmanned aerial systems (UAS), and other opportunities that will leverage Hawaii's unique geological and geographical characteristics to help establish our State as a global leader in this industry.

As such, we strongly recommend that Jacqueline Hoover be reappointed to represent the Hawaii Island Economic Development Board on the HAAC.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this nomination.



Written Statement of:  
**Rodrigo Romo**  
Program Manager, PISCES.

Before the:  
**Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs**

April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

13:15

State Capitol, Conference Room 229

In Support of

**GM693 Consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors the Hawai'i Aerospace Advisory  
Committee (HAAC), Gubernatorial Nominee Jacqui Hoover.**

To: Chair Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice-Chair Senator Glenn Wakai; and members of the committees.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support of GM693**.

As the Program Manager for the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES) I strongly support the nomination of Jacqui Hoover to the Board of HAAC.

Jacqui is a strong asset for HAAC, her knowledge of the local culture and the local economy make her a valuable person to have in the board.

Mahalo nui

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Romo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rodrigo Romo  
Program Manager  
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Mike Kaleikini	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai and members of the Committee. Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support for Jacqui Hoover, in consideration to be a member of the Aerospace Advisory Committee. I have and continue to work with Jacqui Hoover for different business organizations on Hawai'i island. I've personally known Jacqui for numerous years and am confident that her background and experience in engineering, science and economic development over the years will prove to be an asset if Jacqui becomes a member of the Aerospace Advisory Committee. Mahalo for your consideration and review of my support testimony. Mike Kaleikini

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Before the: **Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs**

State Capitol, Conference Room 229


To: Chair Senator Clarence Nishihara, Vice-Chair Senator Glenn Wakai; and members of the committees:

I am writing to express my **SUPPORT** for **Ms. Jacqueline Hoover as a member of the Hawai'i Aerospace Advisory Committee.**

In 1992, I graduated from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa with a PhD in Geology & Geophysics. I have lived in Hawai'i for 30 years and raised two children here who also graduated from UH. I am now a professor in the Hawai'i Institute of Geophysics and Planetology (HIGP). Throughout my research career, I have managed 26 external grants and contracts worth approximately \$50M or an average of \$1.9M/year since graduation. A very high proportion of these funds are used to support faculty co-Investigators, staff, and students that have all supported the State economy. Since 2002, I have been the Director of the NASA Hawai'i Space Grant Consortium (HSGC) and the NASA Hawai'i EPSCoR Programs. The function of HSGC is to provide STEM education and NASA workforce development opportunities in Hawai'i. The function of NASA Hawai'i EPSCoR is to expand aerospace research infrastructure within the State. Finally, since 2007, I have been the Director of the Hawai'i Space Flight Laboratory (HSFL). HSFL's objective is to design, build, test, launch, and operate small spacecraft from the Hawaiian Islands. On November 3, 2015, HSFL's first launch from the Pacific Missile Range Facility did not achieve orbit. However, there were a lot of successes. The world took notice that Hawai'i can become a space-faring State, and the world took notice that our local students built a satellite that passed all tests for space flight.

I have worked with Ms. Hoover for almost a year now. I have been very impressed with her work ethic and her passion to push forward new hi-tech opportunities for the people of Hawai'i while being mindful and respectful of the heritage of our State's people. Ms. Hoover is wonderfully talented and has the ability to work with numerous groups to build consensus. I would strongly advocate that she is added to the Hawai'i Aerospace Advisory Committee as I think that she would be very effective in this role. I believe that her participation in this committee would be a great benefit to the State of Hawai'i.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

  
Dr. Luke Flynn

Sirs and Madams:

I commend Ms. Jacqui Hoover to you for membership in the Aerospace Advisory Committee. Ms. Hoover directs the operation of two of the Island of Hawaii's most influential and progressive non profit organizations: Hawaii Island Economic Development Board and Hawaii Leeward Planning Committee. I am a member of both organizations and currently Chairman of HIEDB. I have had the privilege of both observing and working with Jacqui for many years now. Her dedication to healthy and much needed economic growth on the Island of Hawaii is deep. The hours she has spent and the effort that she makes speak volumes towards her dedication to economic growth that is clean, responsible, culturally sensitive and yet dynamic. In the last year she worked tirelessly assembling virtually single handedly to draft the County of Hawaii's "Comprehensive Economic Development Plan."

The Island of Hawaii in particular and the State of Hawaii in general have an exceptional opportunity to move forward and become a primary location for aerospace industry growth. Jacqui has seized upon this opportunity with others and worked to ensure community understanding and acceptance of coming possibilities. Of course these are never one way streets. As she has discussed the opportunities in this industry she has also listened to voices of concern and taken those into account when advising industry and industry proponents. Her understanding of the culture and the issues both the industry and the community have and her dedication to work through them is greatly needed by all of us particularly at this juncture.

As above, I highly recommend Ms. Hoover to you to be a member of this committee. Thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts.

*Bill Walter*

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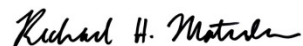
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara  
Chair Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice-Chair Wakai and members of the committee:

I am testifying in support of Jacqueline Hoover for committee membership on the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee. I have worked with Jacqui through my associations with the Hawaii Island Economic Development Board and Hawaii Leeward Planning Conference, organizations that she leads.

In my experience she has a broad and deep understanding of opportunities, synergies and challenges facing the aerospace sector on Hawaii Island and in the state. As you can see from her submitted resume, she has a long and successful track record serving on government committees and community organizations. In my opinion, Jacqui would strongly contribute to the stated purpose of the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee for the benefit of the people of our state.

Respectfully,



Richard H. Matsuda

Aloha E,

I am writing on behalf of Jacqueline Hoover, to be considered and confirmed to the Hawai`i Aerospace Advisory Committee. My name is Amber Imai-Hong, and I am an Avionics Engineer at the Hawaii Space Flight Laboratory (HSFL). I was born and raised in Kea`au on the island of Hawai`i, graduated from Waiakea High School and moved to Honolulu in 2007 to study engineering at the University of Hawai`i at Manoa. I have been part of HSFL since 2012 working on small satellite design, development, and testing. Recently, I started working with Jacqueline Hoover to reach out to community members about potential economic developments that could come to fruition through HSFL on Hawai`i Island. It is my goal to move back home and help bring more high-tech jobs to Hilo. I highly recommend Jacqueline Hoover for the Hawai`i Aerospace Advisory Committee.

Mahalo for your consideration. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Amber Imai-Hong  
Avionics Engineer  
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Chair Nishihara, Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs:

I am writing in support of Ms. Hoover's nomination to the Hawai'i Aerospace Advisory Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2021. I have worked closely with Ms. Hoover since 2003 on both the Hawaii Island Economic Development Board and the Hawaii Leeward Planning Conference and have found her to be imminently knowledgeable about all aspects of our Big Island's economy and, particularly, Aerospace. This comes from her years of experience working at all levels of government on issues concerning our science, technology, workforce development, and land use sectors. Her work with TMT, PISCES, and the new proposed Keahole Spaceport project are prime examples of this. Further, she will bring a balanced perspective to her views and advice as she thoroughly understands the varied community and special interests on the Big Island and the need for finding middle ground on controversial projects where people are open to it. Ms. Hoover will be a valuable addition to the committee and as a resident of the Big Island I would value your approval of her nomination.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Mahalo.

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