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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 694
**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAII
AEROSPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
CHRISTINE GAYAGAS, 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 Christine Gayagas to the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee (HAAC) for a term to expire June 30, 2019.

As set forth in Act 52 from the 2009 Legislative Session, a representative from the Oahu Economic Development Board shall be appointed to represent this Board on the HAAC. As a member of OEDB, Chief Relationship Officer for the Hawaii Native Corporation, Hawaii State Coordinator for West Point Admissions, a member of the Queens Health Systems and Queens Medical Center Board of Trustees, Chaminade University Board of Governors, and the Military Affairs Council Executive Committee, and as Vice President for the Hawaii Chapter of the Association of the United States Army, Ms. Gayagas is exceptionally well connected with Hawaii's business and military communities, and would afford exceptional links to leadership in these communities that could help advance the objectives and goals of the HAAC.

As such, we strongly recommend that Christine Gayagas be appointed to represent the Oahu Economic Development Board on the HAAC.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this nomination.