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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 696**  
**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE  
HAWAII AEROSPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, GUBERNATORIAL  
NOMINEE REID NOGUCHI, 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 Reid Noguchi 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, three HAAC members shall be appointed to represent the aerospace industry in Hawaii. As General Manager for BAE Systems' Spectral Solutions program in Honolulu, Mr. Noguchi has served in one of these positions since the Committee's inception. He has over fifteen years of experience in the aerospace industry (both at BAE Systems and the Lockheed Martin Corporation), ranging from academic research to engineering development of commercial communications satellites and airborne remote sensing systems for the Department of Defense, and currently manages over \$35 Million in contracts with the U.S. Navy.

As such, we strongly recommend that Reid Noguchi be reappointed as a representative of the aerospace industry in Hawaii on the HAAC.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this nomination.