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#### Statement of

### LUIS P. SALAVERIA Director

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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 697**

# SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAII AEROSPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE RAYNALD BEDARD, 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 Raynald Bedard to the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee (HAAC) for a term to expire June 30, 2019.

As President of True Course Simulations and Adjunct Professor in the College of Aviation at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Mr. Bedard specializes in the development of low-cost flight simulation programs. He has been directly responsible for developing an Air Traffic Management laboratory in conjunction with Embry-Riddle's Virtual Airspace, where pilots and air traffic controllers interact in real time over the Internet. He also has designed numerous aviation training scenarios using Microsoft's Flight Simulator and Lockheed Martin's PrePar3D, and developed highly interactive web-based training programs to help instruct operations of the Airbus A320.

As such, we believe Raynald Bedard 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.