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Statement of

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before the

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS**

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10:00 a.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 309

in consideration of

SB 901
RELATING TO THE AEROSPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism **strongly supports** this bill to eliminate the requirement for the Governor to appoint ex-officio members of the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee.

We believe the selection and appointment of the ex-officio committee members representing the Hawaii Economic Development Boards and the University of Hawaii should be selected and appointed by the heads of the institutions they represent. This would both simplify and expedite the Committee appointment process.

DBEDT strongly urges the House Committee on Economic Development and Business to pass this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.