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TESTIMONY BY LAUREL A. JOHNSTON
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL,
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS, AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, AND TECHNOLOGY
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 2703

February 9, 2018
2:15 P.M.
Room 414

RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST SPINLAUNCH

Senate Bill No. 2703 authorizes the issuance of Special Purpose Revenue Bonds (SPRB) to assist SpinLaunch Inc. with the financing of the planning, design, and construction of a satellite launch system pursuant to Part V, Chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The Department is providing comments only to advise the Legislature and prospective SPRB parties that should the legislation be approved, approval of the SPRB issuance and conduit loan will require further review of the financing proposal to ensure compliance with all federal, state and credit underwriting requirements. For additional information, please consult our FAQ located at the following link:

<http://budget.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/SPRB-FAQ.pdf>.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



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Statement of
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Pacific International Space Center for Explorations Systems (PISCES),
Before the
Committees on Public Safety, Intergovernmental & Military Affairs;
Economic Development, Tourism & Technology
Friday, February 9th, 2018 @ 14:15
State Capitol, Conference Room 414

In consideration of
SB2703
RELATING TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST SPINLAUNCH

Chairs Nishihara & Wakai, Vice Chairs Wakai & Taniguchi and members of the Committees.

Dear members of the committees, I want to express my support for SB2703.

It is important for the State of Hawai'i to diversify its economy away from tourism and agriculture. Attracting companies from the aerospace industry is one of PISCES primary goals.

The small satellite industry is going through rapid growth. Two limiting factors that are inhibiting the industry from achieving its potential are the lack of small launch vehicles and launch sites. Companies like SpinLaunch address both issues.

Hawai'i's geographical location make it an ideal candidate for both equatorial and polar orbit launches. SpinLaunch has expressed interest in developing a launch facility in Hawai'i. This would bring high paying jobs that are desperately needed in the State and place Hawai'i on the map in the Small Satellite Industry.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer comments.

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SB-2703

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Derek Lang	Engineering Space	Support	No

Comments:

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, AND TECHNOLOGY

Friday, February 9, 2018 2:15pm

Conference Room 414

SB2703 RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST SPINLAUNCH INC

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and members of the Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2703 addressing the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to provide financing to assist SpinLaunch Inc. in constructing a portion of its small satellite launch system. I respectfully encourage support to this bill.

I am Derek Lang, of Engineering Space, an aerospace technology development and consulting firm. I am a life-long space enthusiast and have been an advocate of the public traveling to, and using space, since the early days of the US allowing private companies launch into space. I began working with SpinLaunch because of its vision for dramatically changing the way we access space and use space to improve life back here on earth. This is a project that can benefit Hawaii's economic development, tourism industry, and technology base.

My family used to visit Hawaii since I was a youth, and we continue to do so on a regular basis. I am not a native, but I appreciate the Hawaii's cultural heritage and people. It is often a balancing act to look forward to the future, while protecting a rich history. In this case, space is something about which people, young and old, can get excited. The vision of space offers hope and wonder. It also offers economic opportunity and benefit. If there are ways to tap into this in a way that does not compromise Hawaii's deep rooted values, they should be seriously considered and supported.

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SB 2703 RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS
TO ASSIST SPINLAUNCH INC

Chair Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair Brian T. Taniguchi and members of the Economic Development, Tourism and Technology Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2703. I am Jonathan Yaney, CEO of SpinLaunch Inc. The purpose of this bill is to address the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to provide financing to assist SpinLaunch Inc. in constructing a portion of its electrical small satellite launch system which will make the development of such a system more economically feasible and provide the public benefits listed in SB 2703.

SpinLaunch's adoption in Hawaii will facilitate a pro-growth environment for the developing commercial space industry on the Islands, bringing a unique capability to market that will facilitate new satellite based business models. SpinLaunch will contribute to the continued development of the Hawaii aerospace presence with new technologies, creating a diversity of 21st century jobs locally, while educating communities and improving on the sustainability of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Jonathan Yaney