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TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS

APRIL 11, 2019, 10:45 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 309, STATE CAPITOL

S.C.R. 161
DESIGNATING JULY 20, 2019, AS "TRANQUILITY BASE DAY" IN HAWAII TO HONOR
THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE APOLLO 11 LUNAR LANDING AT
TRANQUILITY BASE AND URGING THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL,
SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION TO INCLUDE TRANQUILITY BASE
AND ASSOCIATED ARTIFACTS ON THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST.

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.C.R.161, which designates July 20, 2019 as “Tranquility Base Day” in honor of the Apollo Moon Landing. The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports S.C.R. 161 and offers the following comments:

1. July 20, 2019 marks the 50th anniversary of one of the greatest achievements of humankind -- landing on the moon.
2. Hawaii played an extensive and crucial role throughout the entire Apollo space program, from training on the Big Island of Hawai'i for the moon landing through recovery of the Apollo 17 astronauts.
3. The Hawaii State Archives is the State institution responsible for caring for the Apollo artifacts, which includes: the Apollo 11 and Apollo 17 Moonrocks, Hawaiian flags that were taken to the lunar surface, Apollo 11 customs paperwork, signed memorabilia by the astronauts, and the Star-Advertiser Apollo photo collection.

4. The State Archives' partnership with the Center for Aerospace Education at Windward Community College in commemoration of this historic achievement provides both institutions with a unique opportunity to engage with and instruct keiki on the importance of STEM education through hands on learning labs, discussions, and astronomy shows.
5. The purpose of this commemorative event, the Apollo 11 Family Space Fest, is to bring together those institutions throughout the islands that are leaders in their fields in current and future space exploration, in order to spark the imaginations of the next generation of scientists, educators, and leaders.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Economic Development & Business
April 11, 2019 at 10:45 a.m.

By
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Vice President for Community Colleges
University of Hawai'i System

SCR 161 – DESIGNATING JULY 20, 2019, AS "TRANQUILITY BASE DAY" IN HAWAII TO HONOR THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE APOLLO 11 LUNAR LANDING AT TRANQUILITY BASE AND URGING THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION TO INCLUDE TRANQUILITY BASE AND ASSOCIATED ARTIFACTS ON THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST.

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and members of the committee:

The University of Hawai'i supports the intent of SCR 161 to designate July 20, 2019 as "Tranquility Base Day" in Hawai'i and to urge the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to recognize this historic human accomplishment by including Tranquility Base and Apollo 11's associated artifacts on the World Heritage List.

Hawai'i played a significant role in the Apollo program, from in situ training of the Apollo astronauts on our lunar-like lava fields to the recovery phase of the astronauts upon their return from the Moon. Hawai'i continues to provide invaluable contributions in aerospace education, research and technology.

To celebrate this historic chapter in human exploration, the University of Hawai'i Windward Community College's Center for Aerospace Education is collaborating with the Hawai'i State Archives to sponsor an Apo11o Family Space Fest on July 20, 2019 at its Kāne'ohe campus. By highlighting Apollo 11's magnificent achievement, this community event, which includes Apollo 11 exhibits, moon rocks and space-themed Imaginarium shows, is designed to encourage the youth of our State to consider the exciting opportunities in STEM careers, with special emphasis in aerospace science.



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Statement of
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS

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State Capitol, Conference Room 309

In consideration of

SCR 161
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Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kitagawa and members of the Committee.

The Office of Aerospace Development (OAD) **SUPPORTS** SCR 161 that designates July 20, 2019, as "Tranquility Base Day" in Hawaii to honor the fiftieth anniversary of the Apollo 11 landing on the moon. Further, OAD supports urging the United Nations to include Tranquility Base and associated artifacts on the world heritage list.

OAD is a focal point within the State to facilitate dialogue and coordination to promote the growth and diversification of Hawaii's aerospace industry. OAD supports this resolution which also highlights Hawaii's many contributions to the Apollo programs to include analog testing and training, communications, and recovery of Apollo 11 astronauts returning from the moon.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.