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Statement of  
**MIKE MCCARTNEY**  
Director

Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism  
before the

### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS

Wednesday, February 6, 2019  
11:00 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room # 309

In consideration of  
**HB 1563**  
**RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,  
AND TOURISM**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kitigawa and Members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) **supports** HB1563, which appropriate funds for the fiscal biennium 2019-2021 operating budget of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism programs under the purview of the House Committee on Economic Development and Business.

DBEDT thanks the Chair for introducing this bill which will provide the base budget for our economic development programs. We want to point out one difference from the Administration's budget submittal:

1. For the Business Development and Support Division (BED100) general fund ("A") is overstated and should be reduced to \$1,520,997 and \$1,520,997 for fiscal years 2020 and 2021, respectively.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Pacific International  
Space Center for  
Exploration Systems

Statement of  
**Rodrigo Romo**  
Program Director  
Pacific International Space Center for Explorations Systems (PISCES),  
Before the  
Committee on Economic Development & Business  
Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 11:00  
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Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kitagawa and members of the Committee.

I want to express my support for HB1563 which establishes the operating budget for various agencies under DBEDT. In particular I am writing in support of the budget appropriation for BED128 (Office of Aerospace, which handles the operating budget for PISCES).

The funds proposed under this bill will provide PISCES with sufficient resources to cover the agency's operating costs and allow it to continue with its current activities in Economic Development, Workforce Development and Applied Research. It is PISCES' plan for the biennium to continue to raise supplemental funds through research grants and private contracts to expand in its planned activities.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer comments.

Rodrigo Romo.



# NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAII AUTHORITY

An Authority of the State of Hawaii attached to the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism

Statement of  
**Gregory P. Barbour**  
**Executive Director**  
Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority  
before the

## **HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS**

Wednesday, February 6, 2019  
11:00 am  
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

in consideration of  
**H.B. 1563**  
**RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM.**

The Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority (NELHA) strongly supports H.B. 1563 as it relates to BED 146 and provides a special fund ceiling for the Fiscal Biennium 2019 – 2021 for our programs.

We believe that State's investment in NELHA over the past 40 years has led to a surge in economic impact now approaching \$150 million annually. Providing a special fund ceiling and position counts for the next several years will allow us to continue to provide services to the community and a site for additional private sector investment in our economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

Statement of  
**L. French**  
*Quest Space Systems, LLC*  
Before the  
Committee on Economic Development & Business  
Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 11:00  
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Dear members of the committee I want to express my support for HB1563 which establishes the operating budget for various agencies under DBEDT. In particular I am writing in support of the budget appropriation for BED128 (Office of Aerospace, which handles the operating budget for PISCES).

This bill provides PISCES with the necessary resources to continue to develop the work they have been involved with in the promotion of the Aerospace Industry, workforce development and applied research. We believe that PISCES provides significant value to the State of Hawaii and strongly support the continuation of its funding. .

Thank you for this opportunity to offer comments.

**HB-1563**

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 9:35:55 AM

Testimony for EDB on 2/6/2019 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Harriet Parsons	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha

I am writing to inform you of my support of HB1563, in particular the funds appropriation for BED128 (OAD/PISCES). PISCES is a great organization providing and investigating good STEM opportunities here in Hawaii.

Mahalo nui loa

From the Desk of Mitchell D. Roth  
Before the  
Committee on Economic Development & Business  
Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 11:00  
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

**HB1563**  
**RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND**  
**TOURISM**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kitagawa and members of the Committee of Economic Development and Tourism.

Dear members of the committee I want to express my STRONG support for HB1563 which establishes the operating budget for various agencies under DBEDT. In particular I am writing in support of the budget appropriation for BED128 (Office of Aerospace, which handles the operating budget for PISCES).

A couple of years ago, my son Aaron Roth, came home from college to work at a summer internship with PISCES. This internship through PISCES open another opportunity which in turned lead to a job offer with NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, where he will start working when he graduates from college in May 2019.

This bill provides PISCES with the necessary resources to continue to develop the work they have been involved with in the promotion of the Aerospace Industry, workforce development and applied research. More importantly, this bill will provide opportunities for young people like my son to achieve their dreams and work in a STEM related career. I believe that PISCES provides significant value to the State of Hawaii and strongly support the continuation of its funding and HB1563.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer comments.

With Aloha,  
Mitchell D. Roth

Statement of  
*Leslie Ka'iu Kimura*

Before the  
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Dear members of the committee I want to express my support for HB1563 which establishes the operating budget for various agencies under DBEDT. In particular I am writing in support of the budget appropriation for BED128 (Office of Aerospace, which handles the operating budget for PISCES).

This bill provides PISCES with the necessary resources to continue to develop the work they have been involved with in the promotion of the Aerospace Industry, workforce development and applied research. We believe that PISCES provides significant value to the State of Hawaii and strongly support the continuation of its funding. .

Thank you for this opportunity to offer comments.

Leslie Ka'iu Kimura

Statement of  
Dr. G. Jeffrey Taylor  
Submitted as private citizen  
Before the  
Committee on Economic Development & Business  
Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 11:00  
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To: Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kitagawa and members of the Committee.

Dear members of the Committee,

As a member of the Board of Directors of the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES), I want to express my support for HB1563 which establishes the operating budget for various agencies under DBEDT. In particular, I am writing in support of the budget appropriation for BED128 (Office of Aerospace, which handles the operating budget for PISCES).

This bill provides PISCES with the necessary resources to continue to develop the work they have been involved with in the promotion of the Aerospace Industry, workforce development and applied research. I believe that PISCES provides significant value to the State of Hawaii and strongly support the continuation of its funding. This bill will support the continuation and growth of the important workforce development initiatives offered at PISCES, such as the PISCES Summer Internship Program and Women's STARS Program.

HB1563 will allow PISCES to enhance these valuable workforce development programs and I strongly support its passing. Thank you for this opportunity to offer comments.

Mahalo,



G. Jeffrey Taylor



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Statement of  
*Kyla Defore*  
Before the  
Committee on Economic Development & Business  
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Thank you for this opportunity to offer comments.



Kyla Defore

**LATE**

**HB-1563**

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 11:36:28 AM

Testimony for EDB on 2/6/2019 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
HENK ROGERS	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please see the attached document.

**LATE**

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From: Doug Simons

To: Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kitagawa and members of the Committee on Economic Development & Business

Subject: Letter of Support for HB1563 Relating to DBEDT and the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES)

Date: 5 February 2019

Through this letter I would like to state my strong **support** for HB1563 which establishes the operating budget for DBEDT and in turn enables budget appropriation for BED128 (Office of Aerospace, which handles the operating budget for PISCES).

PISCES has demonstrated convincingly that they are a pioneer in high-tech development activity on Hawai'i Island and they have become an integral partner on many fronts with the Maunakea Observatories, a leader worldwide in astronomical research. This bill provides PISCES with the resources needed to advance their research efforts, which benefit the development of aerospace and other local industries in Hawai'i. PISCES has been a strong supporter of STEM education and workforce development for high school and college students, partnering on numerous occasions with the Maunakea Observatories and providing unique opportunities in robotics design and engineering. I look forward to many years of continued partnership between Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope and PISCES and would deeply value your support of PISCES and all it represents to the future of Hawai'i.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug Simons".

Dr. Douglas A. Simons  
Executive Director  
Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope Corp.

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Statement of  
*Matthew Edison*  
Before the  
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Thank you for this opportunity to offer comments.



Matthew Edison