



Pacific International
Space Center for
Exploration Systems

Statement of
Rodrigo Romo
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Pacific International Space Center for Explorations Systems (PISCES),
Before the
Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday, July 2nd @ 10:15
State Capitol, Auditorium

In consideration of
HB1912-HD1, SD1
**RELATING TO THE PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL SPACE CENTER FOR EXPLORATION
SYSTEMS**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the Committee.

PISCES supports HB1912 HD1, SD1, which establishes the Pacific International Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES) within the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism for administration purposes. The measure amends the composition of the board of directors of PISCES, creates six exempt positions, and transfers the rights, powers, functions, and duties of the employees to DBEDT and offers the following comments:

PISCES is entering a transition period in which it will need to make some modifications to move from RCUH contract based operations into being an attached agency of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT). This bill makes the necessary adjustments and modifications that will make this possible and allow the program to continue to operate into the future. We support this bill.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer comments.

Rodrigo Romo.
Program Director
PISCES

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 11:24:35 AM

Testimony for WAM on 7/2/2020 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harriet Parsons	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the PISCES program and this bill makes the necessary modifications to ensure its continuation after this transition year, therefore I support this bill. With thanks.

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 10:59:41 AM

Testimony for WAM on 7/2/2020 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kim Binsted	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the PISCES program. This bill makes the necessary modifications to ensure its continuation after this transition year, therefore I support this bill.

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 12:07:35 PM

Testimony for WAM on 7/2/2020 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marc Cotter	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the PISCES program and this bill makes the necessary modifications to ensure its continuation after this transition year, therefore I support this bill.

The PISCES program is a valuable program and worth every penny the legislature allocates for the program's expenditures. In this time of the Corona virus and the disruption of tourism, the mainstay of the Hawaiian economy, hindsight would dictate that the program is of immeasurable value and well deserving of as much fiscal support that the legislature is capable of expending on their mission. Diversification of the Hawaiian economy should be the number one initiative taken on by the Hawaiian legislature as we head into uncharted territory with the halting of all tourism and the crushing effect it is having on the citizenry of this state. Without programs like the PISCES program Hawaii and her citizens will forever be at an enormous disadvantage to the whims of uncertainty and the effects of inconstancy in the global economy.

The Hawaii state legislature has a fiduciary responsibility to their constituents to broaden the scope of the Hawaiian economy. The PISCES program, if properly funded and supported, will help this body to meet the challenges of such an undertaking, and reap the rewards that bold thinking and high expectations delivers.

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 12:57:38 PM

Testimony for WAM on 7/2/2020 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark Dowd	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I enthusiastically support the PISCES program because this bill makes the necessary modifications to ensure its continuation after this transition year. In addition to being a Hawaii resident for over 30 years, I work for a corporation with a market cap of over 1 trillion dollars and we can not hire enough skilled candidates with STEM background. PISCES and their STARS Program are critical for our future generations to compete in the global market place. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 1:29:17 PM

Testimony for WAM on 7/2/2020 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Judi Morris	Testifying for Oceanit Laboratories, Inc.	Support	No

Comments:

I support the PISCES program and this bill makes the necessary modifications to ensure its continuation after this transition year, therefore I support this bill

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 4:04:56 PM

Testimony for WAM on 7/2/2020 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David S De Luz Jr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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I support the PISCES program and this bill makes the necessary modifications to ensure its continuattion afther this transition year, and incerely request and ask for your consideration in supporting/voting in favor of this bill.

Mahalo,

David S. De Luz, Jr

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Submitted on: 7/1/2020 12:44:24 PM

Testimony for WAM on 7/2/2020 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nyra Dee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the PISCES program and this bill makes the necessary modifications to ensure its continuation after this transition year, therefore I support this bill.