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Statement of
MIKE MCCARTNEY
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Wednesday, April 7, 2021
2:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

In consideration of
SB 935, SD2, HD1
RELATING TO AEROSPACE.

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) supports the intent and provides comments on SB 935, SD2, HD1, which establishes the Office of Aerospace Development in the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation (HTDC), repeals the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems, and transfers the rights, powers, functions, and duties of the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems to the Office of Aerospace Development.

Office of Aerospace Development (OAD)'s mission is to facilitate dialogue and coordination among the state's government, private and academic sectors, and between state-based organizations and overseas institutions, both public and private, to promote the development and diversification of Hawai'i's aerospace industry. As the focal point in state government and in aerospace endeavors, establishment of OAD in HTDC will need funds to continue its work.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.



Pacific International
Space Center for
Exploration Systems

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Statement of
Rodrigo Romo
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Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES)
Before the
Committee on Finance
Wednesday, April 7th, 2021 @ 14:00
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

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In consideration of
SB935 SD2 HD1
RELATING TO AEROSPACE

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and members of the Committee:

I am writing to appreciate the intent of this Bill, and submit comments.

The Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES) is currently engaged in various aerospace related projects that include but are not limited to: developing a High Altitude / Long Endurance Unmanned Aerial System (HALE UAS) program, development of basalt based sustainable construction materials, small satellite launch, space tourism, workforce development and education outreach. It is important to provide continuation to this work in order to fully develop these economic opportunities in the Aerospace Industry in Hawaii.

PISCES would like to request amending the Bill to transfer the agency from DBEDT to the University of Hawaii in Hilo, administratively attached to Imiloa.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer comments.

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SB-935-HD-1

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