# **GM761**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Aerospace Advisory Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee, Rocklin Gmeiner, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.





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Statement of

#### RICHARD C. LIM Director

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Thursday, April 14, 2011
2:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224
in consideration of
GM 761

#### RELATING TO CONFIRMATIONS FOR THE

#### HAWAII AEROSPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee. The department strongly supports the nomination of Rocklin Gmeiner for appointment to the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee.

Rocklin Gmeiner brings with her unique and outstanding credentials that can support the Aerospace Advisory Committee's mandate to advise and assist the Legislature and State agencies in monitoring, assessing and promoting aerospace development statewide. We are most fortunate to have Rocklin Gmeiner's enthusiastic commitment and support for this endeavor, and would urge your favorable disposition on her nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Rocklin Gmeiner's behalf.

From:

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Sent:

Tuesday, April 12, 2011 3:16 AM

To:

PGM Testimony; Marlene Uesugi; Jim Crisafulli

Subject: Attachments: Nomination of Rocklin Gmeiner to the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee Hawaii Aerospace Advisory CommitteeNOM.docx; 041411 R Gmeiner.pdf

Dear Mr. Will Espero, Chair, Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs;

Thank you for the nomination to the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee. I am very excited to be part of this important Committee and feel I can help to further Hawaiian Aerospace Initiatives especially with respect to Air Transportation and Next Generation Air Traffic Systems. With my extensive background flying in the ATC system, working on its many programs, and interfacing with the Federal Aviation Administration on a daily basis, I feel I can support the Committee's work to enhance the stature and provide benefits to Hawaii aerospace industry and companies. I have attached my answers to the questions asked in your letter of April 11, 2011 and hope they satisfy you. I have a family emergency that will not allow my presence at the hearing, but would be happy to meet with you when I attend the next Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee meeting in Hawaii.

Very Respectfully,

Rocklin Gmeiner

### Will Espero, Chair of the Senate Committee Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military affairs

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#### Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee Nominations

- (1) Why I wish to be a member of the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee?
  - The Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee is important to the future of Hawaii both as a tourist attraction and as the leading space travel experimentation, test and launch sites. I have had many years of experience working on Next Generation Air Traffic Control and Transportation systems and I can add valuable experience and support for future Hawaii Air Transportation initiatives. Since Raytheon is the major provider of international next generation ATC systems, I can bring the expertise of this major company to help solve and expand Hawaii's Aerospace initiatives. I have added my qualifications on a separate page.
- (2) How do you perceive the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee?
  - Members of the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee need to bring their expertise and business acumen to the Committee to develop near term and future business and test/experimentation capabilities to the Hawaii aerospace businesses. The Committee should be looking to further business opportunities for Hawaii companies and State Aerospace opportunities to grow this segment of Hawaii's future in space exploration. In addition, the Committee should be aware of and encourage air transportation capabilities that bring more tourists to the Islands and create Hawaii as a key Air Traffic hub.
- (3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a Committee member.
  - I lived in Hawaii from 1970 until 1973 as a Navy P-3 Pilot flying out of Barbers Point Naval Air Station and living in EWA Beach, Hawaii
  - I served 27 years in the US Navy and retired as a Navy Captain

- I commanded several aviation squadrons and other Organizations and have the leadership skills to support this Committee
- I am a test pilot with 7200 hours and have flown 50 different airplanes
- I was the US Navy Major Program Manager for Air Traffic Control, Landing and Identification Systems and ran the US NAVY Air Traffic Control (ATC) Modernization Program
- I have been working for Raytheon Company in business Development and Program Management for over 18 years and supported all their Air Traffic Control Systems. We are the largest ATC systems provider in the world and have worked on many Hawaii FAA ATC Programs
- I have extensively travelled all the Hawaiian Islands and flown many hours in and to/from Hawaii and understand the critical nature of the Hawaiian Air Transportation system
- I have attended the annual American Association of Airport Executives
   Aviation Issues Conference conducted in Hawaii the first week in January for
   the past 17 years and am an ATC panel member
- My son has spent the past three years living in Hawaii as a US Navy pilot flying out of Kaneohe Bay and I have visited often during this period which has kept me up to speed on Hawaii issues, especially related to Air Transportation
- I have generated over \$4Billion of ATC business for the Raytheon company during my years with the company
- I am intimately involved with the FAA Next Generation (NextGen) Air Transportation System and Raytheon has significant research and development programs supporting NextGen equipment. I understand how Hawaii may benefit from NextGen
- I have vast experience with Unmanned Aircraft Systems and have ideas on how Hawaii could be the test bed for UAS civil cargo experiments and future business
- I lived in Japan for 4 years while in the US Navy and have some understanding of cultural issues from that standpoint
- I have the expertise and background to further Hawaiian initiatives relating to the Next Generation Air Transportation system and understand the significance of Air Travel to and from the Islands
- I meet with the Federal Aviation Administration weekly on various NextGen ATC issues and understand the future requirements and schedules
- (4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?
  - I hope to expand Hawaii's capabilities and understanding of the NextGen Air Transportation initiatives and find NextGen business opportunities for Hawaii businesses.
  - I hope to develop Hawaii as a test site for NextGen Unmanned Aircraft Systems especially related to air cargo and farming opportunities
  - I hope to identify NextGen testing and early implementation opportunities for Hawaii

- I hope to increase Hawaii's position as a key link in the Pacific Air Traffic route infrastructure
- (5) I will not be able to attend the hearing in person as I have a family emergency in the Washington, DC area and cannot fly to Hawaii at this time. I would be glad to meet and discuss Hawaiian Aerospace Initiatives with any of the Senators during the next meeting of the Aerospace Advisory Committee when I am in Hawaii. Very Respectfully,

Rocklin E. Gmeiner Jr.



#### Raytheon

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## Biography

Rocklin E. Gmeiner Jr. is Director of Federal/Civil Programs for Raytheon Companies U.S. Business Development Organization.

He is responsible for directing coordinating all corporate efforts for marketing and business development of Raytheon's products and services in the U.S. Governments federal Departments and Agencies and Raytheon's commercial products. His duties also include marketing Raytheon products and services to State and Local governments and the private sector. He is responsible for Raytheon's **Domestic** extensive International Air Traffic Control line of equipment and services and is a member of several organizations planning and executing the FAA Next Generation (NextGen) Air Transportation System. He is also responsible Technology, Information Homeland Security, Unmanned Aircraft Systems and Raytheon Services for the federal government. He serves as the focal point communications between government and Raytheon representatives in this \$4 billion revenue federal/civil segment of the Company.

Immediately prior joining Raytheon, Captain Gmeiner served as the U.S. Navy Program Manager for Air Traffic Control, Identification, and Landing System. He is a 1968 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and a graduate of the United States Naval Test Pilot School. An active private pilot, he has accumulated over 7000 hours in more than 40 various aircraft and is a member in the Society of Experimental Test Pilots.



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Immediately prior joining Raytheon, Captain Gmeiner served as the U.S. Navy Program Manager for Air Traffic Control, Identification, and Landing System. A P-3 Orion pilot, he commanded Patrol Squadron 11. He is a 1968 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and a graduate of the United States Naval Test Pilot School. An active private pilot, he has accumulated over 7000 hours in more than 40 various aircraft and is a member in the Society of Experimental Test Pilots.