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



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Statement of

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Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism before the

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
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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 James L. Pasquino for appointment to the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee.

James L. Pasquino brings with him 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 James L. Pasquino's enthusiastic commitment and support for this endeavor, and would urge your favorable disposition on his nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on James L. Pasquino's behalf.

Will Espero

13 April 2011

Chair, Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs State Capitol Honolulu, HI 96813

O-BOEING Dear Chairman Espero,

RE: Nomination to the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with your committee to present my qualifications for confirmation as a member of the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee. Per your request I am providing a written statement that addresses your questions.

- (1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory
 Committee? Response: I desire to be a member of the Hawaii Aerospace
 Advisory Committee to provide the Hawaii Legislature and State Agencies my
 viewpoint, as an employee of a major US Aerospace Company, on developments
 in the aerospace industry. My role in The Boeing Company is to evaluate, assess,
 and advise the company on current and future business opportunities. This
 includes preparing a business plan that shows the economic advantages of
 possibly taking an investment risk. Unlike the educational and scientific
 community, who are essential for developing new concepts and ideas, my
 business facus is aimed at the economic conditions that would favor investment
 in the State of Hawaii. My presence on the board provides the State an
 opportunity to garner the insights of a major aerospace industry leader who is
 already evaluating the Hawaii environment for business apportunities.
- (2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee? Response: I perceive the role and responsibilities of the members of the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee to pursuing possible opportunities to expand and diversify aerospace development in Hawaii with a focus on providing opportunities for higher paying technical jobs to the people of the State.
- (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? Response: I believe I am well qualified for a position on the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee because I have a 35 year background in the aerospace field to include leadership positions as a Colonel in

the USAF. My numerous roles and responsibilities in military aerospace included aviation operations, aviation maintenance, aviation intelligence, space operations, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, and airfield operations support. As a Baeing employee, I have full knowledge across the spectrum of aviation, of all Boeing business unit activities and interests to include commercial aviation, defense aviation, Unmanned Aerial vehicles, command and control, satellite and space operations, space exploration, defense ranges, virtual/live/constructive defense training, cyberspace, electronic warfare, optical systems and directed energy systems.

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service? Response:

During my term of service I hope to find an aerospace venue that the State of
Hawaii can pursue to gain recognition as a Center of Excellence, that will provide
opportunities for derospace education in the State, and promote higher paying
technical jobs that will better support the State of Hawaii.

James L.

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