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before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

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SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAII AEROSPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE STUART BURLEY, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2021.

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism strongly supports the nomination of Stuart Burley to the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee (HAAC) for a term to expire June 30, 2021.

As set forth in Act 52 from the 2009 Legislative Session, a representative from the Kauai Economic Development Board shall be appointed to represent this Board on the HAAC. As a member of KEDB, Mr. Burley has served in this position since the Committee's inception, and over the years has played an instrumental role in expanding and diversifying space launch operations from the Pacific Missile Range Facility. He also serves as an Associate Director for the University of Hawaii's Hawaii Space Flight Laboratory, working to promote and facilitate the launch of cubesat satellites from PMRF, as well as to help coordinate diverse applications of unmanned aerial systems (UAS) for both agriculture and search and rescue operations across Kauai County.

As such, we strongly recommend that Stuart Burley be reappointed to represent the Kauai Island Economic Development Board on the HAAC.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this nomination.