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GM 671 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems, Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM FRISBEE, for a term to expire 06-30-2029.

Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Lamosao, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on GM 671. The University of Hawai'i at Hilo **supports** GM 671 – Submitting For Consideration And Confirmation To The Board Of Directors Of The Pacific International Space Center For Exploration Systems (PISCES), Gubernatorial Nominee, William Frisbee, For A Term To Expire 06-30-2029.

Mr. Frisbee is currently a Major in the Hawai'i Civil Air Patrol (CAP). At the CAP he serves as the Lyman Field Deputy Commander of Cadets, Lyman Field's Aerospace Education Officer, and Hawai'i Wing's Director of Aerospace Education. Mr. Frisbee teaches cadets and the public about STEM and its impact and importance to the community. Alongside CAP cadets, Mr. Frisbee works at community events to increase interest in STEM and to further their STEM education. As the Hawai'i Wing Director of Aerospace Education, Mr. Frisbee oversees and directs the Aerospace Education Officers and their programs in 11 squadrons on Hawai'i, O'ahu, Maui and Kauai.

Mr. Frisbee's blend of technical expertise and state-wide involvement in STEM and aerospace education programs makes him a valuable and productive member of the PISCES Board. Mr. Frisbee has volunteered with the Hawai'i Science and Technology Museum in support of the Hawai'i County Science Fair under the Hawai'i Academy of Science's Hawai'i State Science & Engineering Fair. Mr. Frisbee also has experience building and flying high powered rockets, large scale radio controlled aircraft and various drones.

Mr. Frisbee is not just a professional in the field; he is a dedicated advocate for Hawai'i's role in the global space economy. His presence on the board would will strengthen PISCES strategic partnerships and its commitment to the local community.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of GM 671.