



**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM**

No. 1 Capitol District Building, 250 South Hotel Street, 5th Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2359, Honolulu, Hawaii 96804
Web site: www.hawaii.gov/dbedt

Telephone: (808) 586-2355
Fax: (808) 586-2377

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

LUIS P. SALAVERIA
DIRECTOR

MARY ALICE EVANS
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Statement of

LUIS P. SALAVERIA
Director

Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism

before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM AND TECHNOLOGY

Friday, March 24, 2017

2:30 p.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 414

in consideration of

SCR 129 / SR53

**REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
AND TOURISM TO DEVELOP A MASTER PLAN FOR THE HILO INTERNATIONAL
AEROSPACE AND TECHNOLOGY PARK.**

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism respectfully offers **comments with concerns** regarding this resolution.

The vision to develop an aerospace and technology park in Hawaii to support aviation maintenance and training, the design and manufacture of aircraft systems, and both aviation and aerospace related research could build upon Hawaii's strategic mid-Pacific near-equatorial location, existing aviation infrastructure, and resident expertise in related fields, potentially generating new commercial and educational opportunities for our State.

However, formulation of a detailed strategic master plan to help guide the development and implementation of the proposed park will require both funding and dedicated staff support, as well as adequate time for completion.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this resolution.



Written Statement of:
Rodrigo Romo
Program Manager, PISCES.

Before the:
Committee on Economic Development, Tourism & Technology
March 24th 2017
14:30
State Capitol, Conference Room 414
In Support of
**SCR129/SR53: Requesting the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism to
Develop a Master Plan for the Hilo International Aerospace and Technology Park**

To: Chair Sen. Glenn Wakai and Vice-Chair Sen. Brian T. Taniguchi

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support of SCR129/SR53**.

The Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems, PISCES, fully agrees to participate in the creation of the Master Plan for the Hilo International Aerospace and Technology Park.

PISCES recognizes the impact that a properly planned Aerospace and Technology Park can have on East Hawaii's economic development and advances in education and career tracks.

For this reason, we support this resolution.

Mahalo.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Romo". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Rodrigo Romo
Program Manager
PISCES

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 5:12 PM
To: ETT Testimony
Cc: hawaiifishingfanatic@gmail.com
Subject: *Submitted testimony for SR53 on Mar 24, 2017 14:30PM*

SR53

Submitted on: 3/22/2017

Testimony for ETT on Mar 24, 2017 14:30PM in Conference Room 414

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Don Aweau | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology
March 24, 2017 at 2:30 pm

by
Donald O. Straney
Chancellor, University of Hawai'i at Hilo

SCR 129 / SR 53 - REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO DEVELOP A MASTER PLAN FOR THE HILO INTERNATIONAL AEROSPACE AND TECHNOLOGY PARK

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony for SCR 129 / SR 53. My name is Donald Straney, Chancellor of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo (UH Hilo). I am testifying as a member of the Hawai'i Island community and I support the intent of this resolution to develop a master plan for the Hilo International Aerospace and Technology Park.

The University of Hawai'i at Hilo is positioned to offer aeronautical science education to a primarily in-state resident market. Pending administrative approval, the Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Science degree program will produce locally grown pilots to help address the looming worldwide pilot shortage. Training a pilot workforce in-state promotes the self-sufficiency of Hawai'i and increases its resiliency to shifting employment markets.

With its wide-open spaces, diverse environment and uncongested airspace, the Big Island of Hawai'i is an ideal staging ground for aerospace training and research. A Hilo International Aerospace and Technology Park would take advantage of an economic region well-suited to student residency and visiting researchers. The astronomy industry is a working example of international engagement and participation on Hawai'i island.

I urge the Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology to approve this resolution for the future of our state and to ensure a bright future for our keiki.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SCR 129 / SR 53. Aloha.