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Statement of
MIKE MCCARTNEY
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before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Monday, February 8, 2020
3:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

In consideration of
SB 935
RELATING TO AEROSPACE

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) appreciates the intent and provides comments on SB 935, which establishes the Office of Aerospace Development in the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation (HTDC), repeals the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems, and transfers the rights, powers, functions, and duties of the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems to the Office of Aerospace Development.

The Office of Aerospace Development (OAD)'s mission is to facilitate dialogue and coordination among the state's government, private and academic sectors, and between state-based organizations and overseas institutions, both public and private, to promote the development and diversification of Hawaii's aerospace industry. As the focal point in state government and in aerospace endeavors, establishment of OAD in HTDC will need funds to continue its work.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.



Written Statement of
Len Higashi
Acting Executive Director
Hawaii Technology Development Corporation
before the
Senate Committee On Energy, Economic Development, And Tourism
Monday, February 8, 2021
3:00 p.m.
Videoconference

In consideration of
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RELATING TO AEROSPACE.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and Members of the Committee.

The Hawaii Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) offers **comments** on SB935 that establishes the Office of Aerospace Development in the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation instead of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and repeals the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems and transfers the rights, powers, functions, and duties of the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems to the Office of Aerospace Development.

HTDC supports the intent of this measure to expand the role of aerospace in Hawaii. HTDC agrees that aerospace has huge economic development potential and the state possesses many inherent competitive advantages. HTDC comments that while the industry has huge potential, the cost of establishing a substantial footprint in Hawaii will likely be accordingly high. The sector will require appropriate resources to develop. HTDC defers to the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism on the potential efficiencies gained by restructuring. HTDC looks forward to working with all stakeholders in moving aerospace forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

SB-935

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Testimony for EET on 2/8/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
cheryl B.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

OPPOSE.

Change the name, it's all the same. It takes money from other areas and is only for the good of corporations and the military. Enough is enough. Have you seen the extent of "space" and "military" on our islands?