

Statement of
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before the
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL,
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

Thursday, April 12, 2018
1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

in consideration of
GM 511
**Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory
Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee,
BRUCE MATHEWS, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.**

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

I respectfully urge your support for the confirmation of **Bruce Mathews** to serve as a member of the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee.

Dr. Bruce Mathews is the University of Hawaii at Hilo's nominee to represent UH-Hilo on the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee. Dr. Mathews is the UH-Hilo Research Office Coordinator, a position that provides insight into the collaboration opportunities that Hawaii's aerospace industry could have in partnering with UH-Hilo researchers in aerospace engineering.

Dr. Mathews has lived and worked in Hilo for 25 years and he is very familiar with the challenges and natural advantages that exist on the Big Island. His input will be very helpful in developing an Aerospace Roadmap that includes opportunities for the Big Island entrepreneurs in aeronautics and aviation.

I respectfully urge you to advise consent to the nomination of Bruce Mathews as a member of the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.