

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 512**  
**Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory  
Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee,  
DAVID MA, for a term to expire 06-30-2019.**

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

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

Professor David Ma is the Interim Associate Dean for Civil and Environmental Engineering, at the College of Engineering at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He was nominated by Dr. David Lassner, Interim Chancellor of the Manoa Campus to represent UH-Manoa on the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee.

Dr. Ma brings the insights from teaching UH engineering students to the HAAC. The HAAC is advising DBEDT on a roadmap to grow the aviation and aerospace industries in Hawaii in order to create jobs for UH graduates that will allow them to stay in Hawaii and use their education to benefit their families and community.

I respectfully urge you to recommend advise and consent to the nomination of David Ma as a member of the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.