



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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GM 797 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems, Gubernatorial Nominee, AMBER IMAI-HONG, for a term to expire 06-30-2026.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on GM 797 in support of the confirmation of Amber Imai-Hong to the Board of Directors for the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES).

Ms. Imai-Hong has been with the Hawai'i Space Flight Laboratory for the past 10 years as an Avionics Engineer Outreach Specialist. Ms. Imai-Hong is a product of Hawai'i island and graduated from the UH Mānoa with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering with a specification in Electrophysics.

Ms. Imai-Hong is a fine example to other Hawai'i island students, in particular women, who want to pursue a career in STEM fields. Her membership on the PISCES Board of Directors will strengthen PISCES current initiatives for engaging students across the state in activities and programs that foster growth in STEM.

We strongly support the confirmation of Ms. Imai-Hong to this appointment.