

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1469

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 2023

RE: S.R. No. 65

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.R. No. 65 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT AN ASSESSMENT REPORT TO EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY AND PRACTICALITY OF IMPLEMENTING HIGHER LEVELS OF COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THE GENERAL AVIATION INDUSTRY AND HELICOPTER OPERATIONS AT AIRPORTS IN THE STATE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Transportation to conduct an assessment report to evaluate the feasibility and practicality of implementing higher levels of commercial general liability insurance for the general aviation industry and helicopter operations at airports in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Blue Hawaiian, Air Methods, Aeroplex Group Partners, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the general aviation industry and operation of helicopters in a safe manner is of paramount importance. Higher levels of required commercial general liability insurance may be associated with increased private sector incentives to adopt national or worldwide best practices. The Airports Council International - North America conducted a



study on the adequacy of insurance coverage requirements beginning in 2006. The study found that general liability limits across the country identified ranges of \$1,000,000 at San Francisco International Airport to a maximum value of \$300,000,000 at John F. Kennedy International Airport. This measure provides an opportunity for the Department of Transportation to collect valuable data to ensure the general aviation industry, particularly helicopters, hold sufficient levels of general liability insurance for the safety of operators and passengers.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 65 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation and
Culture and the Arts,

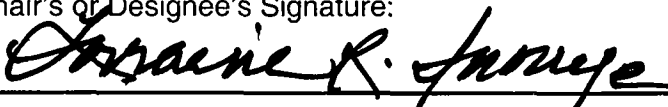


CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:	
SR 65	TCA	3/23/23	
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____			
The Recommendation is:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313			
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay
LEE, Chris (C)	✓		
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓		
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓		
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	✓		
AWA, Brenton	✓		
TOTAL	5		
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted			
Chair's or Designee's Signature:			
			
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