

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1198

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 01 2015

RE: S.C.R. No. 138

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 138 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY REGARDING THE FEASIBILITY
AND COST OF CONSTRUCTING A SMALL COMMERCIAL BOAT HARBOR AND
SMALL COMMERCIAL AIRPORT IN SOUTH PUNA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Department of Transportation to conduct a study regarding the
feasibility and cost of constructing a small commercial boat
harbor and small commercial airport in south Puna and to report
its findings to the Legislature prior to the 2016 Regular Session.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the County of Hawai'i Fire Department, County of Hawaii Civil
Defense Agency, and eight individuals. Your Committee received
comments on this measure from the Department of Transportation and
one individual.

Your Committee finds that many people in Puna will be cut off
from supplies and services as a result of the lava threatening to
cross Highway 130. In the Puna area, there are very few places to
access the coast safely due to the jagged cliffs, and road
infrastructure cannot be developed due to the extensive network of
lava tubes. The Puna coast has the Pohoiki boat ramp, however,
the ramp is not large enough to support commercial activity. The
closest commercial harbor and commercial airport to Puna are in
Hilo, which takes approximately six to eight hours roundtrip to

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complete. A study is needed to determine the feasibility of providing Puna with other transportation options.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 138 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation,

Clarence K. Nishihara

CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312 Pass, with amendments 2311 Hold 2310 Recommit 2313

| Members | Aye | Aye (WR) | Nay | Excused |
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| NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C) | ✓ | | | |
| HARIMOTO, Breene (VC) | ✓ | | | |
| DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. | ✓ | | | |
| ENGLISH, J. Kalani | ✓ | | | |
| ESPERO, Will | ✓ | | | |
| INOUYE, Lorraine R. | ✓ | | | |
| KIDANI, Michelle N. | ✓ | | | |
| KOUCHI, Ronald D. | | | | ✓ |
| SLOM, Sam | | | | ✓ |
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:
Breene Harimoto

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