

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 143  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,  
to which was referred S.C.R. No. 143, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF  
BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM AND APPLIED  
RESEARCH LABORATORY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO CONVENE A  
WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE SAFE,  
LEGAL, AND BENEFICIAL USE OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS IN  
HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the  
Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and the  
Applied Research Laboratory at the University of Hawai'i to convene  
a working group to provide advice on the development and risks of  
unmanned aircraft systems usage and to inform policy decisions  
regarding unmanned aircraft systems.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and  
Tourism; Department of Transportation; University of Hawai'i; and  
one individual.

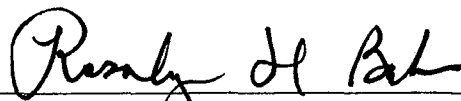
Your Committee finds that unmanned aircraft systems have  
significant benefits in a variety of industries, such as public  
safety, health, conservation, education, and entertainment. Your  
Committee further finds that unmanned aircraft systems usage has



the potential to expand growth for businesses, encourage youth to participate in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education, and provide access to inaccessible or unchartered areas, among other practical applications. However, more research is needed to better understand the benefits and risks of using unmanned aircraft systems throughout the State. This measure therefore establishes a working group of well-qualified individuals who can provide the State with information on technological trends, operational solutions, and emergent national regulatory trends and legal evolution, which will be beneficial to future policy decisions regarding the uses of unmanned aircraft systems in Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 143, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer  
Protection, and Health,



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ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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<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 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	X	
TOKUDA, Jill N. (VC)		X
CHANG, Stanley	X	
ESPERO, Will	X	
IHARA, Jr., Les	X	
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.		X
RUDERMAN, Russell E.		X
<b>TOTAL</b>	4	3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Will Espero</i>		
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