

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

509

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 2021

RE: S.B. No. 1403  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred S.B. No. 1403 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HELICOPTERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require commercial helicopter owners and operators to retain and make available records containing basic helicopter flight information.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of United States Congressman Ed Case and thirty-eight individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General, Department of Transportation, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Blue Hawaiian Helicopters, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that there are multiple commercial helicopter flights over and around the State every day. These helicopter flights create noise pollution and the possibility of crashes. There have been at least eighteen civilian helicopter crashes in the State since 2015. This measure will require commercial helicopter owners and operators to record basic flight information so that stakeholders and community members can effectively work towards addressing the concerns of local residents and interested parties.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the commercial flight reports to be submitted monthly to the Department of Transportation; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1403, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1403, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

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



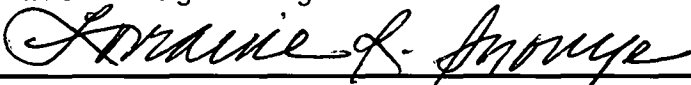
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CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-First Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Transportation**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB1403</i>	Committee Referral: <i>TRS, CPN</i>	Date: <i>2/11/2021</i>		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye/	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>5</i>			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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