

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1155

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2021

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RE: H.R. No. 68

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.R. No. 68 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, AND HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO TAKE EVERY ACTION NECESSARY TO ADDRESS RAPIDLY INCREASING SAFETY RISKS AND COMMUNITY DISRUPTION RESULTING FROM INSUFFICIENT REGULATION OF RAPIDLY INCREASING OPERATIONS OF TOUR HELICOPTERS AND SMALL AIRCRAFT THROUGHOUT HAWAII SKIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the United States Congress, Federal Aviation Administration, and Hawaii Department of Transportation to take every action necessary to address rapidly increasing safety risks and community disruption resulting from insufficient regulation of increasing operations of tour helicopters and small aircraft in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Kaua'i County Council, O'ahu Tour Helicopter Safety and Noise Inter-Action Group, and HICoP.

Your Committee finds that the volume and extent of tour helicopters and small aircraft operations have rapidly increased throughout the State. The increase in such operations has further increased safety risks and noise concerns in residential areas of

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the State. Within the past two years, Hawaii has seen at least four incidents of a tour helicopter or small aircraft collision, ultimately taking the lives of numerous individuals. Your Committee believes that the federal and state governments should be collaborating to ensure tour helicopters and small aircrafts are properly regulated to avoid any further tragic accidents that result in the loss of a life.

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 H.R. No. 68 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



HENRY J.C. AQUINO, Chair



State of Hawaii
 House of Representatives
 The Thirty-first Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

| Bill/Resolution No.: HR 68 | Committee Referral: TRN, CPC | Date: 3/12/21 | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure. | | | | |
| The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) | | | | |
| TRN Members | Ayes | Ayes (WR) | Nays | Excused |
| 1. AQUINO, Henry J.C. (C) | X | | | |
| 2. ILAGAN, Greggory (VC) | X | | | |
| 3. DeCOITE, Lynn | X | | | |
| 4. HASHIMOTO, Troy N. | X | | | |
| 5. KITAGAWA, Lisa | X | | | |
| 6. NAKAMURA, Nadine K. | X | | | |
| 7. TAKUMI, Roy M. | X | | | |
| 8. MATSUMOTO, Lauren | X | | | |
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| TOTAL (8) | 8 | | | |
| The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div> | | | | |
| Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ | | | | |
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