

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1362

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 2021

RE: S.C.R. No. 158
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.C.R. No. 158 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES
CONGRESS, THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, AND THE 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 and intent of this measure is to urge the
appropriate authorities to take every action necessary to address
the safety risks and community disruption from tour helicopter and
small aircraft operations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the O'ahu Tour Helicopter Safety and Noise Inter-Action Group,
Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21, one member of Hawaii's
United States congressional delegation, and seven individuals.

Your Committee finds that tour helicopter and small aircraft
operations constitute a significant risk to passengers and
residents on the ground. Over the past five years tour
helicopters and small aircraft operations in Hawaii accounted for
nearly seventeen percent of the nation-wide accidents that



prompted investigations by the National Transportation Safety Board. In one ten-month period spanning 2019 to 2020, twenty-three lives were lost in four separate tour helicopter or small aircraft accidents on Oahu and Kauai. Therefore, it is imperative that the United States Congress, Federal Aviation Administration, and the Hawaii Department of Transportation take every action necessary to address the safety risks from insufficient regulation of tour helicopters and small aircraft operations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding the Western Regional Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration as a recipient of a certified copy of this concurrent resolution; 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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 158, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 158, S.D. 1.

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



CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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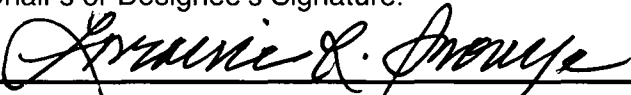
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

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

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	4			1

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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