

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1468

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 2023

RE: S.C.R. No. 73

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 73 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT AN ASSESSMENT REPORT TO EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY AND PRACTICALITY OF IMPLEMENTING HIGHER LEVELS OF COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THE GENERAL AVIATION INDUSTRY AND HELICOPTER OPERATIONS AT AIRPORTS IN THE STATE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Transportation to conduct an assessment report to evaluate the feasibility and practicality of implementing higher levels of commercial general liability insurance for the general aviation industry and helicopter operations at airports in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Blue Hawaiian, Air Methods, Aeroplex Group Partners, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the general aviation industry and operation of helicopters in a safe manner is of paramount importance. Higher levels of required commercial general liability insurance may be associated with increased private sector incentives to adopt national or worldwide best practices. The Airports Council International - North America conducted a



study on the adequacy of insurance coverage requirements beginning in 2006. The study found that general liability limits across the country identified ranges of \$1,000,000 at San Francisco International Airport to a maximum value of \$300,000,000 at John F. Kennedy International Airport. This measure provides an opportunity for the Department of Transportation to collect valuable data to ensure the general aviation industry, particularly helicopters, hold sufficient levels of general liability insurance for the safety of operators and passengers.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 73 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Transportation and  
Culture and the Arts,



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CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts**  
**TCA**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">SCR 73</span>	Committee Referral: <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">TCA</span>	Date: <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">3/23/23</span>		
<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
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
KEOHOKALOOLE, Jarrett	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	5			
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted				
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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