

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3512

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2024

RE: S.C.R. No. 165

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 165 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF BRINGING OTHER AIRLINES TO THE MOLOKAI AIRPORT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Transportation to study the feasibility of bringing additional airlines to the island of Molokai.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, one member of the Maui County Council, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that since January 2021, only one passenger airline has provided service to the general public out of Molokai Airport. Your Committee further finds that while the airline has done its best to accommodate the needs of passengers, including additional routes, flight times, and ordering larger planes, the cost of plane tickets remains prohibitive to many Molokai residents who need to travel for essential reasons, including work, medical appointments, and family. This lack of dependable, accessible flights to major hubs such as Honolulu can potentially lead to health and safety issues for residents of rural communities. Your Committee concludes that by conducting a study, the State can gain valuable insights into the potential



benefits and challenges of introducing additional airlines to Molokai.

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. 165 and recommends its adoption.

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



CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SCR 165	TCA	03/28/24		
<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.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
AWA, Brenton				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>				
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