

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2055

Honolulu, Hawaii

A-13 , 2007

RE: H.R. No. 158  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which  
was referred H.R. No. 158 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO  
IMMEDIATELY CONVENE AN AIRCRAFT NOISE ABATEMENT ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE TO WORK WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION TO  
ESTABLISH EFFECTIVE NOISE ABATEMENT PROCEDURES AND TO ADOPT  
RULES AND REGULATIONS IN ORDER TO MITIGATE AIRCRAFT NOISE  
IMPACTS ON NOISE SENSITIVE AREAS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to alleviate the negative  
impacts on the health, welfare, and quality of life of Hawaii  
residents caused by aircraft noise generated tour helicopters and  
commercial jet aircraft over residential communities and  
recreation areas by, among other things, urging the Department of  
Transportation (DOT) to:

- (1) Immediately convene an aircraft noise abatement advisory  
committee for Honolulu and Hilo International Airports;
- (2) Submit to the 2008 Legislature and immediately implement  
an aircraft noise abatement community master plan and  
program for the close and distant vicinities of Honolulu  
and Hilo International Airports, with the participation  
of the aircraft noise abatement advisory committee;



- (3) Develop comprehensive aircraft noise abatement rules, standards, and procedures to protect the public health, welfare, and quality of life in the close and distant vicinities of state-owned and operated airports;
- (4) Consider establishing a nominal airport passenger ticket fee solely for furthering aircraft noise abatement;
- (5) Work with aircraft owners and operators, the military, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the Air Traffic Control Center work shift to decrease aircraft noise levels and minimize noise impacts; and
- (6) Establish an aircraft noise abatement website to provide for new levels of community awareness relative to airport and aircraft noise abatement operations.

Citizens against Noise of Hawaii and several concerned individuals supported this resolution. DOT supported the intent of this measure. The Hanalei-Haena Community Association and a concerned individual commented on this concurrent resolution.

A substantial number of private, commercial, and military aircraft occupy the airspace over Hawaii, and these aircraft exact significant harmful effects not only on the health of Hawaii residents, but also on our environment and our tourist-based economy. This situation will only be exacerbated by increasing air travel. Therefore, your Committee finds that immediate remedial action, in collaboration with the Federal Aviation Administration, is in order.

Your Committee has amended this resolution by adding the members of Hawaii's Congressional Delegation as transmitters of this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 158, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 158, H.D. 1.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Energy &  
Environmental Protection,

*Hermina Morita*

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HERMINA MORITA, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HR 158		<b>Date:</b> 4-12-2007		
<b>Committee Referral:</b> TRN, EEP		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommitment for further consideration				
<b>EEP Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. MORITA, Hermina M. (C)	✓			
2. CARROLL, Mele (VC)	✓			
3. CHONG, Pono	✓			
4. ITO, Ken	✓			
5. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.				✓
6. SAGUM, Roland D., III	✓			
7. SAIKI, Scott K.				✓
8. THIELEN, Cynthia	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	6	0	0	2
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> 				
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