

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2057

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 13, 2007

RE: H.R. No. 159
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. 159 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE FEDERAL AVIATION
ADMINISTRATION TO WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TO ESTABLISH NOISE SENSITIVE OPERATING PROCEDURES AND AIR
TRAFFIC PATTERNS TO REDUCE AND CONTROL AIRCRAFT NOISE
IMPACTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to reduce the impact on the
health, welfare, and quality of life of Hawaii's residents from
aircraft noise generated by commercial jet aircraft and tour
helicopters by requesting the Federal Aviation Administration
(FAA) to, among other things:

- (1) Do everything within its authority to fully implement
aircraft noise abatement procedures and practices;
- (2) Establish aircraft operating procedures and air traffic
patterns to reduce and control the effect of aircraft
noise impact on communities within the proximity of
airports and aircraft flight paths; and
- (3) Work with the state Department of Transportation (DOT)
to establish a process for recorded verification that
tour helicopters operate in compliance with FAA Special
Federal Aviation Regulation No. 71, and Special

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Operating Rules for Air Tour Operators in the State of
Hawaii, Section 6(a) and (b).

The Hanalei-Haena Community Association, Citizens Against Noise of Hawaii, and a concerned individual supported this resolution. DOT supported the intent of this measure. The North Shore Council and a concerned individual commented on this resolution.

Hawaii has a substantial number of private, commercial, and military aircraft occupying its airspace and these aircraft have significant harmful effects not only on the health of Hawaii residents, but also on our environment and tourist-based economy. Your Committee finds that the situation will only be exacerbated by increasing air travel and therefore immediate remedial action in collaboration with the FAA is in order.

Your Committee has amended this resolution by:

- (1) Adding Hawaii's Congressional Delegation as recipients of certified copies of this measure; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 159, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 159, H.D. 1.

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




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

Bill/Resolution No.: HR 159		Date: 4-12-2007		
Committee Referral: TRN, EEP		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to: <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				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
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	✓			
TOTAL	6	0	0	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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