## STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1156

Honolulu, Hawaii **Merch 24**, 2009 RE: S.B. No. 1299 S.D. 1 H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2009 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 1299, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADVANCED FLIGHT SIMULATOR TRAINING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to encourage the growth of a flight training industry in Hawaii by making businesses engaged in advanced flight simulator training for pilots, dispatchers, mechanics, or air traffic controllers, eligible for tax and other regulatory benefits under the State Enterprise Zones law.

The University of Hawaii, Global Aeronautics LLC, and a concerned individual supported this bill. The Department of Taxation opposed this bill. The Office of Aerospace Development and Tax Foundation of Hawaii commented.

Hawaii's unique mid-Pacific location makes Hawaii an ideal location for international aircraft pilot training, an industry with significant potential for growth in light of the increasing demand for airplane pilots projected for the Asia-Pacific region in coming years. In addition, flight simulator training would fit well within Hawaii's plans to diversify its economy, by establishing a new technology-based industry that would provide between 100 and 200 new, well-paid jobs in the Kapolei area,

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enhancing the UH's ability to establish a four-year airline management baccalaureate program for the Asia-Pacific community within its Travel Industry Management program, and providing Hawaii airlines with a local training resource.

Questions were raised as to why mechanics are included in the list of persons that may receive flight simulator training that qualifies for enterprise zone benefits. Your Committee respectfully requests the Committee on Finance, to which this bill is next referred, to investigate the matter.

To encourage further discussion, your Committee has amended this bill by changing its effective date to July 1, 2112. A technical, nonsubstantive amendment was also made for clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1299, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1299, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs,

ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair

## State of Hawaii

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## Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs

	BM, FIN Date: 3/17/09			A9
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold   Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EBM Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)				
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2. CHOY, Isaac W. (VC)	V			
3. BERG, Lyla B.				X
4. EVANS, Cindy				
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5. MANAHAN, Joey				X
-6. TAKAI, K. Mark				
7. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	V			
8. TSUJI, Clift	$\checkmark$			
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9. WAKAI, Glenn	V			
10. WOOLEY, Jessica				
I. HOULI, Jessee	V			
11. WARD, Gene				
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TOTAL (11)	8			2
The recommendation is: Adopted  Not Adopted				
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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