STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2117

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2960

S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui President of the Senate Twenty-Sixth State Legislature Regular Session of 2012 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2960 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to prohibit the Department of Transportation from assessing landing fees upon air carriers operating turboprop engine air craft that provide interisland service, except between the most populous island in the State and any other island in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition of this measure from the Department of Transportation, State Attorney General, and the Airlines Committee of Hawaii. Comments were received from Hawaiian Airlines.

Your Committee finds that the intent of this measure is to lessen the financial burden on air carriers servicing vital rural airports, thereby mitigating the chance of a discontinuance or reduction of flights to rural airports.

Your Committee has amended this measure by deleting the reference to turboprop engine air craft, on the recommendation of the Attorney General based on a conflict with federal regulations and unjust discrimination among air carriers.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and International Affairs that is

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attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2960, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2960, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs,

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The Senate Twenty-Sixth Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

Record of Votes Committee on Transportation and International Affairs TIA

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral: Date:				
SB 2960	TIA, WAM 21			2/8	/12
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (C)					
ESPERO, Will (VC)					
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.					
GABBARD, Mike					
KAHELE, Gilbert		/			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.		_			
SLOM, Sam					
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
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