STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1190

Honolulu, Hawaii March 21, 2017

RE: S.B. No. 420 S.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2017 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred S.B. No. 420, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LASER DEVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a criminal offense for intentionally or knowingly directing the beam from a laser or laser scope that produces over 5 milliwatts of energy at an occupied aircraft. This measure establishes a misdemeanor offense for pointing a laser at an aircraft and a class C felony for such actions that interfere with the pilot's aircraft operations or injure any person on board.

The Department of Transportation, Honolulu Police Department, and two individuals supported this measure.

Your Committee finds that in recent years the number of incidents in which aircraft have become targets of green laser lights while flying or landing at an airport has grown, presenting a significant aviation safety risk. Between 2006 and 2016, 21,500 incidents involving laser devices and aircraft were reported by pilots to the Federal Aviation Administration. The State's existing penal code does not adequately address situations in which an individual who aims a laser light at an occupied aircraft causes injuries to those on board or causes delays in flight



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schedules. This measure will deter such actions and help ensure flight and passenger safety by establishing criminal offenses and corresponding penalties for directing a laser light at an occupied aircraft.

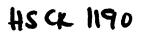
As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 420, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Transportation,

HENRY J.C. AQUINO, Chair



State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-ninth Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 420, SD1	Committee Referral: TRN J JVD		Date: 03/15/17		
□ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: A Pass, unamended (as is) D Pass, with amendments (HD) D Hold Image: Description of the pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) Image: Description of the pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)					
TRN Mem	bers	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
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The recommendation is:	Adopted If joint referral,	Not Adopted did not support recommendation.			
committee acronym(s)					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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