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## HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL

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TESTIMONY OF DRU KANUHA
COUNCIL MEMBER, HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL
ON SB 2474, RELATING TO NOISE CONTROL
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Monday, February 12, 2018
1:20 p.m.
Conference Room 224

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

I thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** on SB 2474, relating to noise control. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as a member of the Hawai'i County Council and Chair of Governmental Relations and Economic Development Committee.

The purpose of this measure appropriates funding that will to be used to require the Department of Health to conduct a study on the impact of aviation noise on residents of the Puna District and surrounding areas of the Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.

To establish a noise quality standard to protect public health and welfare, and to prevent the significant degradation of the environment and quality of life will allow for a better relationship between residents and tour operators who operate their businesses with no current guidelines. The numerous flight plans over residential and agricultural properties have negatively impacted our island residents for many years. By supporting this measure you will be creating a pathway for future solutions to address this issue.

For the reasons stated above, I urge the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment, the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health to support this measure as well. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (808) 323-4267.

Mahalo for your consideration.

DRU KANUHA

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