

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1741

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 15 2021

RE: H.C.R. No. 81  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 81, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, AND HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO TAKE EVERY ACTION NECESSARY TO ADDRESS RAPIDLY INCREASING SAFETY RISKS AND COMMUNITY DISRUPTION RESULTING FROM INSUFFICIENT REGULATION OF RAPIDLY INCREASING OPERATIONS OF TOUR HELICOPTERS AND SMALL AIRCRAFT THROUGHOUT HAWAII SKIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the appropriate authorities to take every action necessary to address the safety risks and community disruption from tour helicopter and small aircraft operations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee finds that tour helicopter and small aircraft operations constitute a significant risk to passengers and residents on the ground. Over the past five years tour helicopters and small aircraft operations in Hawaii accounted for nearly seventeen percent of the nation-wide accidents that prompted investigations by the National Transportation Safety



Board. In one ten-month period spanning 2019 to 2020, twenty-three lives were lost in four separate tour helicopter or small aircraft accidents on Oahu and Kauai. Therefore, it is imperative that the United States Congress, Federal Aviation Administration, and the Hawaii Department of Transportation take every action necessary to address the safety risks from insufficient regulation of tour helicopters and small aircraft operations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 81, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 81, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

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



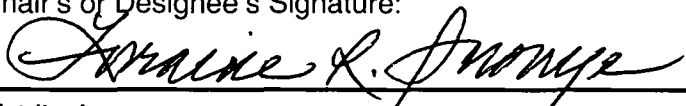
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CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-First Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>HCR 8/HDI</i>	Committee Referral: <i>TRS</i>	Date: <i>4/8/2021</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>4</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>1</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
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