

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1612

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 31 , 2021

RE: H.C.R. No. 95

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 95 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING HAWAII HELICOPTER COMPANIES TO AVOID CONDUCTING NON-EMERGENCY FLIGHTS OVER RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge Hawaii helicopter companies to avoid conducting non-emergency flights over residential neighborhoods.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from O'ahu Tour Helicopter Safety and Noise Inter-Action Group, HICoP, the Kawaihapai Ohana, and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that commercial helicopter flights are a popular activity in Hawaii. However, while these flights are popular amongst visitors of the State, it has become a nuisance and danger to many residents as these commercial helicopter flights fly over residential neighborhoods. Notably, a recent commercial helicopter crash in a Kailua residential neighborhood narrowly avoided homes and cars on a busy street. The increase in commercial helicopter flights has also increased safety risks and noise pollution for many residents. Although commercial helicopter flights have contributed to economic growth in the State, there are safety concerns when those flights take place over residential

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areas. Your Committee believes that a compromise would be to prohibit helicopter companies from flying over residential areas except for in emergency situations, thereby protecting and improving the quality of life for many residents.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 95 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary &  
Hawaiian Affairs,

  
For MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



**Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> <i>HCR 95</i>	<b>Committee Referral:</b> <i>TRNJHA</i>	<b>Date:</b> <i>03/29/2021</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)	<i>X</i>			
2. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (VC)	<i>X</i>			
3. ICHIYAMA, Linda	<i>X</i>			
4. KOBAYASHI, Dale T.	<i>X</i>			
5. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.				<i>X</i>
6. LOWEN, Nicole E.	<i>X</i>			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	<i>X</i>			
8. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.				<i>X</i>
9. TAKUMI, Roy M.	<i>X</i>			
10. TODD, Chris	<i>X</i>			
11. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	<i>X</i>			
12. WARD, Gene	<i>X</i>			
<b>TOTAL (12)</b>	<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> <i>[Signature]</i>				
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