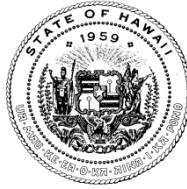


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**S.B. No. 2745**  
**RELATING TO AIRCRAFT**

Senate Bill on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) offers **comments** on this bill which requires the Director of Transportation to adopt rules that require tour aircraft operators to have aircraft liability insurance coverage of not less than \$1,000,000 per person per incident.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires air carriers under Part 121 and 135 to have Aircraft Accident Liability Insurance per Title 14 CFR Part 205.5. The FAA Standards Office monitors the requirements.

The bill only requires tour aircraft operators to have aircraft liability insurance coverage of not less than \$1,000,000 per person per incident, not all air carriers under Part 121 and 135. FAA Grant Assurance No. 22, obligates DOT to make its airports available for public use on reasonable terms and without discrimination to all aeronautical activities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



Senate Committee on Transportation  
3:30 p.m., February 15, 2022

Re: Comments on SB 2745, Relating to Aircraft

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and members of the committee!

We are writing to provide comments on SB 2745, Relating to Aircraft, which requires the Director of Transportation to adopt rules that require tour aircraft operators to have aircraft liability insurance coverage of not less than \$1,000,000 per person per incident.

Blue Hawaiian continues to support safety in the industry, and we firmly believe that adequate insurance coverage is the right thing to do for the customer and community.

Our aircraft are equipped with technologies and equipment like Helicopter Terrain Awareness and Warning Systems (HTAWS), automatic dependent surveillance-broadcast (ADS-B), aircraft floats and upgraded with the newest GARMIN glass-cockpit avionics to exceed the federal regulatory requirements for helicopter air tour safety. To further that commitment, Blue Hawaiian Helicopters is the only air tour operator in Hawaii to be a member of the Tour Operators Program of Safety, as well as to also have a Voluntary FAA Safety Management System (SMS) implementation program and an accepted and approved Voluntary FAA Aviation Safety Action Program (ASAP).

We look forward to engaging with policy leaders and wish to be a resource to the legislature.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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14 February 2022

**To:** Senator Chris Lee, Chair  
Senator Loraine Inouye, Vice-Chair  
State House Committee on Transportation

**From:** Calvin Dorn, CEO  
Paradise Helicopters

**Subject:** Measure S.B. 2745  
**Hearing Date:** Feb 15, 2022  
**Time:** 3:30pm  
**Location:** Via videoconference

**Bill Description:** Requires the Director of Transportation to adopt rules that require tour aircraft operators to have aircraft liability insurance coverage of not less than \$1,000,000 per person per incident.

**Paradise Helicopters Position: COMMENTS**

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice-Chair Inouye, and members of the State House Committee on Transportation,

Paradise Helicopters **COMMENTS** on S.B. 2745 Since our founding more than two decades ago, Paradise Helicopters has worked with the interests of our communities in mind, encouraging an open dialogue to anticipate, evaluate and address issues. As an award-winning company, we are widely recognized and certified for our industry-leading safety practices, environmental and community stewardship, and high-quality charters and tours.

S.B. 2745 requires the Department of Transportation to enforce a \$1,000,000 per person per incident. The companion bill H.B 1515 was deferred, due to Grant Assurance No. 22 which gave the Airports significant funding as long as it does not discriminate on aeronautical activities.

Respectfully submitted,  
Calvin Dorn