

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **1951**

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 21 2023

RE: H.C.R. No. 150
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 150, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ESTABLISH AN AIR SERVICE TASK FORCE TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING COMMERCIAL AIR TRAVEL TO AND FROM MOLOKAI AND LANAI,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Transportation to establish an air service task force to provide recommendations for improving commercial air travel to and from Molokai and Lanai.

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

Your Committee finds that, presently, only one commercial airline provides air transport services to Molokai and Lanai, which has become unreliable as flights are infrequent and often canceled at the last minute. As a result, many Molokai and Lanai residents who must travel for essential reasons such as medical appointments, work, and family, are stranded without outgoing or inbound flights. This measure aims to improve air transportation services for Molokai and Lanai between major hubs to provide residents with stable, reliable, and affordable options.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the composition of the air service task force by:
 - (A) Removing the United States Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee;
 - (B) Removing the Regional Administrator for the Federal Aviation Administration, Western-Pacific Region, or the Regional Administrator's designee;
 - (C) Removing the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, or the Director's designee;
 - (D) Adding three members to be selected by the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives, respectively; and
 - (E) Adding any additional member whose expertise may be relevant to and as recommended by the task force;
- (2) Inviting the Regional Administrator for the Federal Aviation Administration, Western-Pacific Region to the task force;
- (3) Requesting the task force to consider a new air traffic control tower for Lanai Airport;
- (4) Removing the United States Secretary of Transportation and Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs from the list of recipients of certified copies;
- (5) Adding the Governor to the list of recipients of certified copies; and
- (6) 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 and Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent



and purpose of H.C.R. No. 150, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 150, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation and
Culture and the Arts,



CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Second Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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HCR 150, HD1	TCA	4/13/23		
<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)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
KEOHOKALOOLE, Jarrett				✓
AWA, Brenton				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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