

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1459

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 2023

RE: S.R. No. 128

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 S.R. No. 128 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE OPTIONS THAT PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AIR SERVICE TO REMOTE AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE STATE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Department of Transportation to establish a working group to evaluate options that provide additional air service to remote and underserved communities across the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation, State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Hawaii Tourism Authority, and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that as an island state, Hawaii is reliant upon air travel to ensure residents and tourists have timely transportation options to navigate between islands. However, since January 2021, only one passenger airline has provided service to the general public out of Molokai Airport. The limited service between Molokai Airport and other destinations has led to costly ticket prices and limited flights, leaving many residents who travel for essential reasons such as work, medical appointments, and family stranded without a way to and from



Molokai. As air travel is under the jurisdiction of the Federal Aviation Administration, collaboration between federal, state, and county agencies may provide solutions to ensure residents have access to multiple air travel options. This measure addresses ongoing limited air travel issues in underserved and rural communities across the State to provide residents with affordable, consistent options to navigate around the State.

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 S.R. No. 128 and recommends its adoption.

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

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SR 128</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">TCA</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">3/23/23</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	<div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">5</div>			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;">Lorraine R. Inoue</div>				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> <div>Distribution:</div> <div>Original</div> <div>Yellow</div> <div>Pink</div> <div>Goldenrod</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.7em; margin-top: 5px;"> <div>File with Committee Report</div> <div>Clerk's Office</div> <div>Drafting Agency</div> <div>Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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