

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2024

RE: S.R. No. 139

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.R. No. 139 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF  
BRINGING OTHER AIRLINES TO THE MOLOKAI AIRPORT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Transportation to study the feasibility of bringing additional airlines to the island of Molokai.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, one member of the Maui County Council, and Arc of Maui County.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that since January 2021, only one passenger airline has provided service to the general public out of Molokai Airport. Your Committee further finds that while the airline has done its best to accommodate the needs of passengers, including additional routes, flight times, and ordering larger planes, the cost of plane tickets remains prohibitive to many Molokai residents who need to travel for essential reasons, including work, medical appointments, and family. This lack of dependable, accessible flights to major hubs such as Honolulu can



potentially lead to health and safety issues for residents of rural communities. Your Committee concludes that by conducting a study, the State can gain valuable insights into the potential benefits and challenges of introducing additional airlines to Molokai.

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. 139 and recommends its adoption.

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



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CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts**  
**TCA**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SR 139</b>	Committee Referral: <b>TCA</b>	Date: <b>03/28/24</b>		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)				✓
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
AWA, Brenton				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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