

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 386

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 12 2025**

RE: S.B. No. 1102  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and Public Safety and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 1102 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE AIRCRAFT RESCUE FIRE FIGHTING UNIT,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish that the Chief of the State Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Unit of the Airports Division of the Department of Transportation shall serve not more than three terms of four years each.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation.

Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Fire Fighters Association.

Your Committees find that currently, there is a lack of clarity in the law regarding the duration and limit of terms that are served by the appointed Chief of the State Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Unit. The position of Chief of this unit is important to the safety and successful functioning of the Airports Division of the Department of Transportation, and clarification regarding the best practices for sustaining this position is necessary. This measure will address this issue by establishing



that the appointed Chief of the Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Unit shall serve no more than three terms of a period of four years each.

Accordingly, your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Director of Transportation to appoint the Chief of the Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Unit from a list of three qualified candidates submitted for consideration;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and Public Safety and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1102, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1102, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Transportation  
and Culture and the Arts and  
Public Safety and Military  
Affairs,

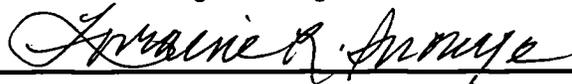
  
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BRANDON J.C. ELEFANTE, Chair

  
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CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Third Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 1102</b>	Committee Referral: <b>TCA/ PSM, JDC</b>	Date: <i>2/10/2025</i>		
<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.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>		
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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\*Only one measure per Record of Votes

