

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2025RE: S.B. No. 1102
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B.
No. 1102, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) 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; and
- (2) Require the Director of Transportation to appoint the Chief from a list of three qualified candidates submitted for consideration.

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

Your Committee finds that clarity on term lengths, limits, and appointment procedures are critical to the efficient, transparent selection and service of the Chief of the State Aircraft Rescue Fighting Unit. This Unit is instrumental to public safety and should therefore implement best practices in sustaining the Chief position. This measure resolves ambiguity in



existing law by establishing that the appointed Chief of the State Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Unit shall serve not more than three four-year terms.

Your Committee has amended this measure by specifying that the State Fire Council shall submit the list of qualified candidates for the appointment for Chief of the State Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Unit to the Director of Transportation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1102, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1102, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary
JDC**

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1102, SD1	Committee Referral: TCA/PSM, JDC	Date: 2/27/25		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" 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
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	5	—	—	—
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small;"> Distribution: Original Yellow Pink Goldenrod </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: x-small;"> File with Committee Report Clerk's Office Drafting Agency Committee File Copy </div>				

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