

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2062

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 11 , 2025

RE: S.C.R. No. 180
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 180, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION TO SHARE INFORMATION ON THE SAFETY AND
PERFORMANCE OF COMMERCIAL TOUR OPERATORS TO HELP RESIDENTS
AND VISITORS MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of
Transportation to share information on the safety and performance
of commercial tour operators to help residents and visitors make
informed decisions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Blue Hawaiian and one individual. Your Committee
received testimony in opposition to this measure from the
Department of Transportation and Vertical Aviation International.
Your Committee received comments on this measure from Jack Harter
Helicopters.

Your Committee finds that the State has experienced a
troubling number of helicopter tour crashes and safety incidents
over the past two decades, resulting in dozens of fatalities and
serious injuries. Inconsistent safety practices among commercial

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air tour operators, including varying levels of pilot training, equipment standards, and maintenance practices, pose ongoing risks to passengers, pilots, and the public. This measure promotes greater transparency and accountability in the helicopter tour industry, thereby reducing avoidable risks and enhancing public confidence in air transportation across the islands.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the type of information the Department of Transportation is being requested to share to help residents and visitors;
- (2) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 180, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 180, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

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



DARIUS KILA, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

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| Bill/Resolution No.: SCR 180, SD1 | Committee Referral: TRN | Date: 4/10/2025 | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure. | | | | |
| The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) | | | | |
| TRN Members | Ayes | Ayes (WR) | Nays | Excused |
| 1. KILA, Darius K. (C) | ✓ | | | |
| 2. GRANDINETTI, Tina Nakada (VC) | ✓ | | | |
| 3. COCHRAN, Elle | | | | ✓ |
| 4. EVSLIN, Luke A. | ✓ | | | |
| 5. KITAGAWA, Lisa | ✓ | | | |
| 6. LA CHICA, Trish | | | | ✓ |
| 7. MIYAKE, Tyson K. | ✓ | | | |
| 8. MURAOKA, Christopher L. | ✓ | | | |
| 9. PIERICK, Elijah | ✓ | | | |
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| TOTAL (9) | 7 | | | 2 |
| The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: -10px;"> committee acronym(s) </div> | | | | |
| Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: -20px;"> </div> | | | | |
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