

Honolulu, Hawaii
MAR 30 , 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2400
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred S.B. No. 2400, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to exempt persons operating wing-in-ground craft from the application of the Hawaii Water Carrier Act.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation; Hawai'i Community Development Authority; Aero X Ventures; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1186; REGENT Craft; The Maritime Group; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Energy Justice Network; Hawaii Medical Service Association; Hawaiian Council; Kamehameha Schools; Hawaii Think Tank; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from North Kona Noise Action and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Public Utilities Commission and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that wing-in-ground craft, commonly referred to as seaglidors, represent an emerging zero-emission interisland transportation technology that has the potential to



enhance connectivity, affordability, and sustainability across the State. Because these craft operate through a unique combination of maritime and aviation characteristics and are subject to federal oversight, subjecting wing-in-ground craft to regulation under the Hawaii Water Carrier Act may impose duplicative oversight, increase costs, and create barriers to deployment without providing additional consumer or public safety protections. By exempting certain persons operating wing-in-ground craft from the application of the Hawaii Water Carrier Act, this measure encourages innovation while maintaining appropriate federal safety oversight.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that persons operating wing-in-ground craft engaged in the transportation of passengers shall be exempt from the application of the Hawaii Water Carrier Act;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; 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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2400, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2400, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

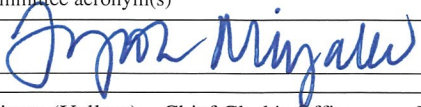
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation,



DARIUS KILA, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2400 SD1	Committee Referral: TRN, CPC	Date: 3/24/26		
<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. MIYAKE, Tyson K. (VC)	✓			
3. COCHRAN, Elle			✓	
4. EVSLIN, Luke A.	✓			
5. GRANDINETTI, Tina Nakada	✓			
6. KITAGAWA, Lisa	✓			
7. LA CHICA, Trish	✓			
8. MURAOKA, Christopher L.			✓	
9. PIERICK, Elijah			✓	
TOTAL (9)	6	0	3	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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