

Honolulu, Hawaii
APR 06 , 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 Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 2400, S.D. 1, H.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 engaged in the transportation of passengers from the application of the Hawaii Water Carrier Act.

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

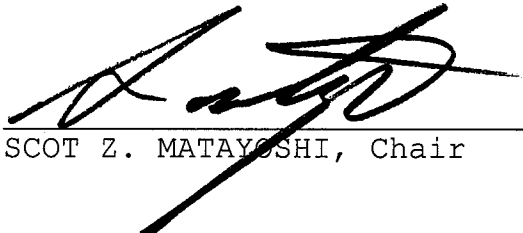
Your Committee finds that wing-in-ground craft are an emerging form of interisland transportation and that existing regulatory frameworks were not designed with this technology in mind. Your Committee further finds that these craft are subject



to federal safety oversight and that applying the Hawaii Water Carrier Act to wing-in-ground craft may result in duplicative or ill-suited regulation without a corresponding consumer protection benefit. By clarifying the applicability of the Hawaii Water Carrier Act to wing-in-ground craft, this measure will provide regulatory certainty, support the responsible development of new transportation options, and allow the State to encourage innovation while maintaining appropriate oversight.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2400, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



SCOT Z. MATAYOSHI, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: SB2400 SD1 HD1	Committee Referral: TRN, CPC	Date: 4/1/26		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (C)	✓			
2. GRANDINETTI, Tina Nakada (VC)	✓			
3. CHUN, Cory M.	✓			
4. ILAGAN, Greggor	✓			
5. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
6. IWAMOTO, Kim Coco		✓		
7. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
8. LOWEN, Nicole E.	✓			
9. MARTEN, Lisa	✓			
10. TAM, Adrian K.	✓			
11. PIERICK, Elijah	✓			
TOTAL (11)	10	1		
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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