

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 442 -06

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 16, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 3081
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 3081 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A STATE-OWNED AIRCRAFT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to increase the efficiency of government operations by appropriating funds to purchase an aircraft to transport state officials in the course of conducting official state business.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) opposed this bill.

Your Committee finds that while other states own aircraft for the same purpose and that Hawaii's geographic configuration makes it a prime candidate for such an aircraft, operational and maintenance costs are prohibitive.

On the other hand, recent events in Afghanistan and Iraq are requiring the deployment of the United States Army's 68th Medical Company's Medical Assistance to Safety and Traffic helicopter, more commonly known as MEDEVAC, leaving Oahu without a roto-wing aeromedical service to transport critical patients from outlying rural areas to medical care facilities in Honolulu.

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Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting its contents and inserting language that appropriates \$1,900,000 for DOT to purchase an intra-island only roto-wing aeromedical services aircraft for rural Oahu; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantative amendment for 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 H.B. No. 3081, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 3081, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair.



