

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.C.R. No. 196

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Business and Economic Development, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 196 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONCEPT OF A PUBLIC-PRIVATE JOINT VENTURE TO DEVELOP A NEW ADVANCED SIMULATOR AIRLINE TRAINING FACILITY IN HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support the concept of a public-private joint venture to develop a new advanced simulator airline training facility in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation, Honolulu Community College, and Global Aeronautics, LLC.

Hawaii's local air carriers provide more than twelve thousand direct and indirect jobs for Hawaii residents. Local air carriers must conduct a substantial portion of their flight training on the mainland because Hawaii does not have an advanced simulator training facility to serve the local airlines. A recent increase in training demands from other airlines and from ab initio airline cadets makes establishing an advanced simulator training center in Hawaii an economically feasible option.

Your Committee finds that legislative support is needed for a public-private joint venture to develop a new advanced simulator airline training facility in Hawaii. Simulator training has economic advantages for the State, and will prepare young pilots for employment with the airlines, thus creating more employment



opportunities and the ability to bring more visitors to the State. Your Committee further finds that continued legislative support is needed if financial investments and other resources are obtained from private partners.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Business and Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 196, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Business and
Economic Development,



WILL ESPERO, Chair



