

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2978

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 18 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2259  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Economic Development and Taxation and  
Tourism and Government Operations, to which was referred H.B.  
No. 2259, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AEROSPACE DEVELOPMENT,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to  
conduct feasibility studies for a spaceport and to pay for  
consultation and other expenses incurred in applying to the  
Federal Aviation Administration for a commercial space  
transportation license.

Testimony in support of this measure was received from a  
former Governor of the State of Hawaii; the Department of  
Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; the Department of  
Transportation; Enterprise Honolulu; Hawaii Island Economic  
Development Board; Space Frontier Foundation; Rocketplane Global,  
Inc.; and Zero Gravity Corporation.

Your Committees find that there are several companies that  
have approached the State to request permission to launch  
innovative "spaceplanes" from Hawaii as early as 2010. In order  
for these vehicles to launch and land from Hawaii's airports, the  
State must apply for and receive a commercial space transport  
license from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).



Your Committees understand that the appropriation in this measure is strictly a one-time request, and should the State receive a license from the FAA, the State will realize income far in excess of the appropriation.

Your Committees have amended this measure by changing the effective date from July 1, 2020, to July 1, 2008.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Economic Development and Taxation and Tourism and Government Operations that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2259, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2259, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Economic  
Development and Taxation and  
Tourism and Government  
Operations,



CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair




CAROL FUKUNAGA, Chair



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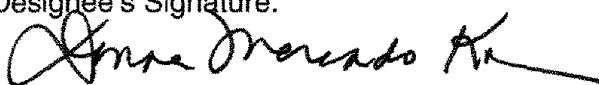
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The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
FUKUNAGA, Carol (C)	✓			
ESPERO, Will (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
IGE, David Y.				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	4			2
Recommendation:				
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S.				/
TRIMBLE, Gordon	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>1</b>
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