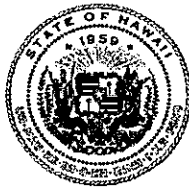


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The Department of Transportation strongly supports this Administration bill. The state airport system is required by state statute and the Federal Aviation Administration to be economically self-supporting. HB 2612 defines use of airport land for revenue generation as an airport-related activity, thus allowing lands that are not immediately needed for aeronautics purposes to be rented to entities performing non-aeronautical functions. Such a change will mean the airport system will be able to generate revenue from lands that would otherwise have remained vacant and unproductive until they were needed for aeronautical uses.

The bill also clarifies that the terms "airport purpose" or "airport purposes" in any governor's executive order includes entering into such contracts.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

