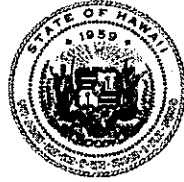


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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 107

URGING THE CREATION OF AN EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL AVIATION TRAINING CENTER AT THE HILO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND AN ADVANCED AVIATION DEGREE TRAINING PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

The Department of Transportation supports the intent of this bill, to develop the aviation capabilities within the State, and within the community of Hilo. We respectfully suggest that the committee include or have access to knowledge and experience in aviation training.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.





UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Transportation

Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

by

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Chair Souki, Vice Chair Ichiyama and Members of the Committee:

We support the intent of HCR 107. Hawai'i is dependent on aviation for transportation and business and at present there is no aviation baccalaureate (4-year degree) program in the state. This resolution calls for a study that would permit us to explore and design a program that we could bring forward for further consideration.

To this end, we support this resolution and would be very willing to participate in an exploratory committee to examine the feasibility and needed resources for establishing a training program.

Thank you for this opportunity to support this resolution. Mahalo.

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Comments:

I Love this idea! As a graduate of San Jose State University Aeronautics, I would like to contribute in any way I can. At the very least, the idea deserves thorough evaluation.

One point missing from the text of the resolution is that with military cutbacks, the traditional supply of trained pilots is diminished.