



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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SCR 156 SD1 **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**

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

We support the intent of SCR156 SD1. 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.