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Chairs English, Tokuda, Vice Chairs Espero, Kidani and Members of the Committees:

We support the intent of SCR156. 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.