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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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State Capitol, Room 308

H.B. 2353
MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR
SECURITY AT HONOLULU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

House Committee on Finance

The Department of Transportation– Airports Division, urgently seeks your support on H.B. 2353, making an Emergency Appropriation to replenish a \$5,000,000 shortfall in the Airports Division Security Budget.

The shortfall was created when funds from the Airport Division's security budget were used to cover unexpected and unbudgeted costs for maintenance and operations for a newly installed baggage handling system. These unanticipated costs were formerly the responsibility of the airlines, which necessitated using funds from the Airports' security contract. The new baggage system, which requires specialized maintenance and operations, is in need of specialized personnel.

This new system relocated the baggage screening function from the lobby to the baggage make-up area one floor below. With explosive detection capabilities integrated with the baggage handling out of sight, the lobby is much more spacious, and the increased capacity greatly enhances the check-in experience during peak periods.

This funding must be replaced immediately to prevent the interruption of critical security services at Honolulu International Airport. The security contract expires on February 15, 2014.

Thank you for supporting this request.

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Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
Honorable Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair
House Committee on Finance

**Re: HB 2353 – MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR SECURITY AT
HONOLULU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – IN SUPPORT**
Conference Room 308– 3:00 PM

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson and Members of the
Committee:

The Airlines Committee of Hawaii* (ACH), which is made up of 21 signatory air carriers
that underwrite the State Airport System appreciates the opportunity to offer testimony
in support of HB 2353.

This bill proposes to replenish security funds that were utilized to fund the operation and
maintenance costs of the outbound baggage handling and explosive detection systems
at Honolulu International Airport. Safety and security cannot be compromised at
Hawaii's airports. This funding is needed to ensure safe, secure and efficient airport
operations for the millions of residents and visitors utilizing the airports throughout the
state.

We ask for your favorable consideration of this measure.

Sincerely,

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ACH Co-chair

Matthew Shelby
ACH Co-chair

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