

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 21, 2014

RE: S.B. No. 3053
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
S.B. No. 3053, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS TEST
SITES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support the development of
unmanned aerial systems operations in Hawaii by:

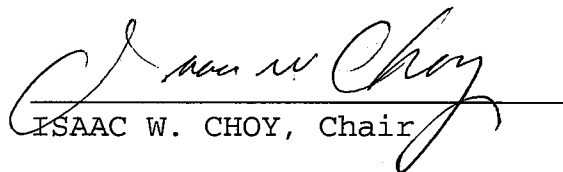
- (1) Establishing a Hawaii Unmanned Aerial Systems Test Site
Advisory Board, as a subcommittee of the Hawaii
Aerospace Advisory Committee, to oversee the planning
and operation of the Hawaii Unmanned Aerial Systems Test
Site;
- (2) Establishing the position of Hawaii Unmanned Aerial
Systems Test Site Chief Operating Officer within the
University of Hawaii to manage the operations of the
Hawaii Unmanned Aerial Systems Test Site; and
- (3) Making an appropriation to staff and operate the
activities of the Hawaii Unmanned Aerial Systems Test
Site.



The University of Hawaii; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Transportation; state Department of Defense; Niihau Ranch LLC; and six concerned individuals supported the bill. The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii submitted comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3053, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Higher Education,


ISAAC W. CHOY, Chair



