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

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Department of Transportation, urgently seeks your support on this Administration Bill which makes 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 David Ige, Chair Honorable Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: HB 2353 – MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR SECURITY AT HONOLULU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – IN SUPPORT Conference Room 211– 10:45 AM

Aloha Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani 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,

Blaine Miyasato ACH Co-chair Matthew Shelby ACH Co-chair

*ACH members are Air Canada, Air New Zealand, Air Pacific, Alaska Airlines, All Nippon Airways, Aloha Air Cargo, American Airlines, China Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Federal Express, go!, Hawaiian Airlines, Island Air, Japan Airlines, Korean Air, Philippine Airlines, Qantas Airways, United Airlines, United Parcel Service, US Airways, and Westjet.

<u>HB2353</u>

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brad Parsons	Individual	Oppose	No

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