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## **S.B. 2605 RELATING TO CIVIL AIR PATROL**

### Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** Senate Bill 2605. The DOT mission includes support of a strong aviation industry in the State of Hawaii, of which the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) plays an important part.

The CAP plays a vital role in strengthening the community's aviation resource, performing vital emergency functions throughout the state, as well as providing a superb venue for youth involvement in aviation. The community relies on this volunteer, civilian arm of the Air Force for warning citizens to evacuate from potential tsunami flood areas as well as conducting damage assessment following a natural or other disasters. The CAP also plays a critical role in search and rescue and drug interdiction operations statewide.

Although the DOT supports the CAP by providing hangar space, they must rely on other much-needed funding for training, facilities, and other vital program needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.