

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3320

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 2016

RE: S.R. No. 121

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Transportation and Energy and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.R. No. 121 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM DIMENSIONS FOR PASSENGER SEATS ON AIRCRAFT,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Secretary of Transportation to establish minimum dimensions for passenger seats on aircraft operated by any air carrier in the provision of interstate air transportation or intrastate air transportation.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from one individual.

Your Committees find that the federal government does not impose a minimum passenger seat size and the airline industry opposes any seat standard. Your Committees further find that the average legroom for airline passenger seats has shrunk from about thirty-five inches in the 1970s to nearly thirty-one inches today, with seat width narrowing from eighteen and one-half inches in the 1990s to about seventeen inches today. The decrease in the size of airline passenger seats, coupled with the growing problem of obesity in America, may pose threats to the safety and health of passengers during situations such as an emergency evacuation.



Your Committees additionally find that wider seat dimensions for commercial flights promote not only safety and health but comfort as well.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Transportation and Energy and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 121 and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Transportation
and Energy and Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military
Affairs,


CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



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Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:* GR121	Committee Referral: TRE/PSM	Date: 3/29/16		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	/			
ESPERO, Will (VC)	/			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				/
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Will Espero</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes