

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 420

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs and Transportation and Energy, to which was referred S.B. No. 420 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LASER DEVICES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make it a criminal offense to intentionally or knowingly direct the beam from a laser device at an occupied aircraft.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation, Honolulu Police Department, and one individual.

Your Committees find that aircraft safety is vitally important to the health, safety, and welfare of the public. There have been in recent years a growing number of incidents in which individuals have targeted aircraft with laser lights during flight or while landing. The State's existing penal code does not adequately address situations in which an individual aims a laser light at an occupied aircraft and is particularly deficient in situations where the individual with the laser light causes injuries to those on board. This measure establishes criminal offenses for directing a laser light at an occupied aircraft in the form of:

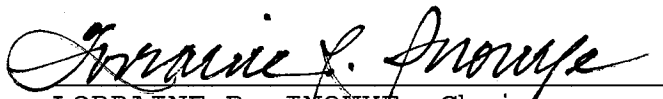
- (1) A misdemeanor for intentionally or knowingly directing a beam of light from a laser or laser scope at an occupied aircraft; and



- (2) A class C felony if the act of directing a beam of light from a laser or laser scope at an occupied aircraft causes injury to the pilot, crew, or passengers on board.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs and Transportation and Energy that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 420 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

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


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair


CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 420	Committee Referral: PSM/TRE, JDL	Date: 8/17		
<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
INOUE, Lorraine R. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene				/
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes