

[CHAPTER 261E]
HAWAII AIR CARRIERS

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Note

Chapter takes effect upon enactment of federal legislation permitting implementation. Provisions of chapter shall be performed without violating the U.S. Constitution or federal laws. L Sp 2008, c 1, §§3, 4.

" **[\$261E-1] Application of chapter; interstate or foreign commerce.** This chapter shall not apply to commerce with foreign nations, with territories of the United States, or to interstate commerce, except insofar as the application is permitted under the Constitution and laws of the United States. [L Sp 2008, c 1, pt of §2]

" **[\$261E-2] Definitions.** As used in this chapter:

"Aircraft" means any craft or other artificial contrivance of whatever description that is used or capable of being used, or intended to be used, as a means of transportation by air.

"Air transportation" means the holding out to the general public of or the undertaking to provide the carriage of persons or property, except for United States mail, by air, for compensation or hire between any pair of points, both of which are within the State of Hawaii, unless the carriage is part of the continuous carriage of the persons or property to or from a point outside the State of Hawaii. For the purposes of this chapter, the term "continuous carriage" means transportation by air which does not include a stopover of more than twenty-four hours.

"Certificate" means a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued under this chapter to a Hawaii air carrier.

"Commission" means the air carrier commission established pursuant to section 261E-4.

"Control", in reference to a relationship between any person or persons and another person or persons, includes actual as well as legal control, indirect as well as direct control, and the power to exercise substantial influence whether or not exercised.

"Hawaii air carrier" or "carrier" means any person or entity who has received a certificate issued by the commission and who undertakes or holds itself out to the general public as engaging directly or indirectly in the transportation by air of passengers or property, or both, for compensation or hire within the State or between points within the State.

"Rates" includes rates, fares, and charges of whatever kind and nature unless the context indicates otherwise.

"Related company" means a company or persons that directly, or indirectly through one or more subsidiaries, affiliates, or a

holding company, controls or is controlled by, or is under common control with, a Hawaii air carrier.

"Transportation of persons" includes every service in connection with or incidental to the comfort or convenience of persons transported and the receipt, carriage, and delivery of these persons and their baggage.

"Transportation of property" includes every service in connection with or incidental to the transportation of property, including in particular its receipt, carriage, preservation, and delivery, and all incidental services affecting these activities. [L Sp 2008, c 1, pt of §2]

" **[§261E-3] Exemptions; generally.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, this chapter shall not apply to:

- (1) Persons transporting their own property where the transportation is in furtherance of a primary business purpose or enterprise of that person, except where the transportation is undertaken by a Hawaii air carrier to evade the regulatory purposes of this chapter; or
- (2) Persons engaged in the business of transporting persons solely for sightseeing and other recreational activities not involving point-to-point travel. [L Sp 2008, c 1, pt of §2]

" **[§261E-4] Air carrier commission; establishment.** (a) There is established an air carrier commission to assist in the regulation of interisland air carriers pursuant to the purposes of this chapter. The commission shall be placed with the department of transportation for administrative purposes.

(b) The commission shall consist of five members. The commission shall be appointed in the manner prescribed in section 26-34, except as otherwise provided in this section. The members shall be appointed for terms of six years each, subject to the advice and consent of the senate. The terms of the members initially appointed shall be for two, three, four, five, and six years, respectively, as designated by the governor at the time of appointment. The governor shall designate a member of the commission to be chairperson of the commission. Each member shall hold office until the member's successor is appointed and qualified.

(c) In appointing members, the governor shall consider persons who have experience in transportation, accounting, engineering, government, finance, law, or other similar fields. No person owning any stock or bonds of any Hawaii air carrier or of any common carrier by air, or having any interest in, or deriving any remuneration from, any Hawaii air carrier or any

common carrier by air shall be appointed as a commissioner; provided that any person who has retired from the service of, and no longer holds any position with, any common carrier or Hawaii air carrier may be eligible for appointment.

(d) The members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their services on the commission, but shall be reimbursed for actual expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in the performance of their duties. [L Sp 2008, c 1, pt of §2]

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Subsection (b) is constitutional, with regard to the use of the phrase "appointed and qualified" to describe when a successor's appointment terminates a holdover member's position. Att. Gen. Op. 16-3.

" **[\$261E-5] Staff.** The air carrier commission may appoint and employ, on a contractual or noncontractual basis not subject to chapter 76, persons the commission determines necessary for the performance of the commission's functions. The commission shall determine the powers, duties, and compensation of the staff. [L Sp 2008, c 1, pt of §2]

" **[\$261E-6] General powers and duties.** The air carrier commission shall have general supervision over all Hawaii air carriers providing air transportation and, to the extent determined by the commission to be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this chapter, over any related company, and shall perform the duties and exercise the powers imposed or conferred upon it by this chapter. The general powers of the commission shall include:

- (1) Regulating Hawaii air carriers by using, in addition to its other powers, the investigative powers set forth in section 261E-7;
- (2) Establishing reasonable classifications of Hawaii air carriers based upon the nature of the services provided by the carriers and adopting rules pursuant to chapter 91 to regulate those classes of Hawaii air carriers; and
- (3) Exempting from this chapter, in whole or in part, when determined to be in the public interest, any Hawaii air carrier engaging in air transportation solely with aircraft with a maximum seating capacity of not more than seventeen passengers or maximum cargo capacity of not more than three thousand pounds. [L Sp 2008, c 1, pt of §2]

" **[\$261E-7] Investigative powers.** (a) The air carrier commission shall have the power to examine the condition of each Hawaii air carrier and, to the extent determined by the commission to be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this chapter, any related companies, including:

- (1) The manner in which carriers are operated with reference to the accommodation of the public;
- (2) The fares and rates charged by carriers;
- (3) The value of the physical property of carriers;
- (4) The issuance of stocks and bonds, and the disposition of the proceeds thereof, by carriers;
- (5) The amount and disposition of the income and all financial transactions, of carriers;
- (6) The business relations of carriers with other persons, companies, or corporations;
- (7) The compliance of carriers with all applicable state and federal laws and with the provisions of their franchise, charter, and articles of association, if any;
- (8) The classifications, rules, regulations, practices, and service of carriers; and
- (9) All matters of every nature affecting the relations and transactions between carriers and the public, persons, or corporations.

(b) Any investigation may be made by the commission on its own motion or a sworn written complaint that the commission determines sets forth any prima facie cause of complaint.

(c) A related company shall be deemed to have consented to examination and investigation pursuant to this section by entering into or maintaining a control relationship with a Hawaii air carrier. [L Sp 2008, c 1, pt of §2]

" **[\$261E-8] Certificates of public convenience and necessity.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, no person shall engage in air transportation unless the person holds a certificate issued by the air carrier commission authorizing its operation.

(b) Applications for certificates shall be made in writing to the commission. Applications shall be in the proper form and contain the required information, with the proof of service upon the interested parties, as the commission shall require by rule.

(c) A certificate shall be issued to any qualified applicant, authorizing the whole or any part of the operations covered by the application if it is found that the applicant is a citizen of the United States and fit, willing, and able to properly perform the service proposed and to conform to this

chapter and the requirements and rules of the commission, and that the proposed service, to the extent to be authorized by the certificate, is required by the public convenience and necessity; otherwise the application shall be denied. The applicant shall have the burden of proof to establish that any proposed service is required by the public convenience and necessity. The commission shall institute an oral evidentiary hearing to consider any application for a certificate that would authorize the holder to use aircraft capable of carrying more than seventeen passengers.

(d) Any applicant receiving a certificate under this chapter shall pay, upon receipt of the certificate, a registration fee and subsequent annual fee that shall be determined by the commission and deposited into the state general fund.

(e) Any Hawaii air carrier engaging in air transportation under a certificate issued by the commission may occasionally deviate from the route over which it is authorized to operate under the certificate under rules adopted by the commission. [L Sp 2008, c 1, pt of §2]

" **[\$261E-9] Temporary authority.** To enable the provision of service for which there is an immediate and urgent need to a point or points having no Hawaii air carrier service capable of and willing to meet the need, the air carrier commission, in its discretion and without hearings or other proceedings, may grant temporary authority for the service by a Hawaii air carrier. The temporary authority, unless suspended or revoked for good cause, shall be valid for the time the commission shall specify, but for not more than a period of one hundred twenty days for any one immediate and urgent need. [L Sp 2008, c 1, pt of §2]

" **[\$261E-10] Transfer of certificates of public convenience and necessity; carrier property; control of carriers.** (a) No Hawaii air carrier shall sell, lease, assign, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of, or encumber any certificate, in whole or in part, or any of its property necessary or useful in the performance of transportation services for the public; nor shall any Hawaii air carrier, by any means, directly or indirectly, merge or consolidate its property, certificates, or any part thereof, with any other carrier, without in each case first having secured from the air carrier commission an order authorizing it to do so, and every such sale, lease, assignment, mortgage, disposition, encumbrance, merger, or consolidation, made other than in accordance with an order of the commission authorizing the same, shall be void and of no effect.

(b) No Hawaii air carrier shall purchase or acquire, take, or hold any part of the capital stock of any other common carrier without having been first authorized to do so by the commission. Every assignment or transfer of any stock by or through any person to any person, or otherwise, in violation of this section shall be void and of no effect, and no such transfer shall be made on the books of any air carrier. Nothing in this subsection shall prevent the holding of stock lawfully acquired prior to the effective date of this chapter.

(c) No person shall acquire control of any Hawaii air carrier without first receiving the approval of the commission.

(d) Whenever a transaction is proposed under subsection (a), (b), or (c), the Hawaii air carrier or carriers, or person or persons, seeking approval shall present an application to the commission in the form prescribed by the commission. The commission may act upon the application with or without first holding a public hearing; provided that, if requested, the commission shall afford reasonable opportunity for interested parties to be heard. If the commission finds, subject to the terms and conditions that it determines to be just and reasonable, that the proposed transaction will be consistent with the public interest, the commission shall enter an order approving and authorizing the transaction, upon the terms and conditions and with the modifications found to be just and reasonable. The proponent of the transaction within the scope of subsection (a), (b), or (c) shall have the burden of proof to establish that the transaction is consistent with the public interest.

(e) Pending the determination of an application filed with the commission for approval of a consolidation or merger of the properties of two or more Hawaii air carriers, or of a purchase, lease, charter, or contract to operate the properties of one or more Hawaii air carriers, or of an acquisition of control of a Hawaii air carrier, the commission, in its discretion and without hearings or other proceedings, may grant temporary approval for a period not exceeding one hundred twenty days, or for an additional period as the determination of an application may require, of the operation of the Hawaii air carrier properties sought to be acquired by the persons proposing in the pending application to acquire the properties, if it appears that failure to grant this temporary approval may result in destruction of or injury to the Hawaii air carrier properties sought to be acquired or substantial interference with their future usefulness in the performance of adequate and continuous service to the public.

(f) This section shall apply to any transaction entered into or proposed to be entered into by a related company that is

determined by the commission to have potential impact upon the related Hawaii air carrier or its operations. A related company shall notify the commission of any such transaction at least sixty days prior to its consummation. [L Sp 2008, c 1, pt of §2]

Note

For effective date of chapter, referenced in subsection (b), see note at beginning of chapter.

" **[\$261E-11] Suspension, change, and revocation of certificates.** (a) Certificates shall be effective from the date specified and shall remain in effect until suspended or terminated as provided in this section.

(b) Any certificate, upon application of the certificate holder, in the discretion of the air carrier commission, may be amended or revoked in whole or in part. Upon complaint, or on the commission's own initiative, a certificate may be suspended, changed, or revoked in whole or in part for wilful failure by the holder or any related company to comply with this chapter, or with any lawful order or rule of the commission, or with any term, condition, or limitation of the certificate. No certificate shall be revoked except upon application of the holder unless the certificate holder or any related company wilfully fails to comply, within a reasonable time that shall not be fewer than thirty days and that shall be fixed by the commission, with a lawful order of the commission, rule of the commission, or to a term, condition, or limitation of the certificate or permit.

(c) The right to engage in transportation by virtue of any certificate issued pursuant to section 261E-8 or by virtue of temporary authority or approval granted under section 261E-9 or 261E-10, may be suspended by the commission upon reasonable notice of not fewer than fifteen days to the carrier, but without hearing or other proceedings, for failure to comply by the carrier or any related company, with the terms of the certificate or temporary authority or approval or with any lawful order or rule of the commission regarding the certificate or temporary authority or approval. [L Sp 2008, c 1, pt of §2]

" **[\$261E-12] Rates, fares, and other charges of air carriers.** (a) In the transportation of passengers, every Hawaii air carrier shall:

- (1) Provide safe and adequate service, equipment, and facilities for the transportation of the passengers; and
- (2) Establish, observe, and enforce just and reasonable:

- (A) Rates, fares, and charges;
- (B) Regulations and practices relating to rates, fares, and charges; and
- (C) Regulations and practices relating to:
 - (i) The issuance, form, and substance of tickets;
 - (ii) The carrying of personal, sample, and excess baggage;
 - (iii) The facilities for transportation; and
 - (iv) All other matters relating to or connected with the transportation of passengers as determined by the commission.

(b) In the transportation of property, every Hawaii air carrier shall:

- (1) Provide safe and adequate service, equipment, and facilities for the transportation of the property; and
- (2) Establish, observe, and enforce just and reasonable:
 - (A) Rates, charges, and classifications;
 - (B) Regulations and practices relating to rates, charges, and classifications; and
 - (C) Regulations and practices relating to:
 - (i) The manner and method of presenting, marking, packing, and delivering property for transportation;
 - (ii) The facilities for transportation; and
 - (iii) All other matters relating to or connected with the transportation of property as determined by the commission.

(c) All charges made for any service rendered by any Hawaii air carrier in the transportation of passengers or property or in connection with the service shall be just and reasonable and every unjust and unreasonable charge for the service or any part thereof shall be prohibited and declared to be unlawful.

(d) Any person or body politic may make a complaint in writing to the commission that any rate, fare, charge, rule, or practice, in effect or proposed to be put into effect, is or will be in violation of this section. Whenever, after hearing, upon complaint or in an investigation on its own initiative, the commission determines that any individual rate, fare, or charge, demanded, charged, or collected by any Hawaii air carrier, or any rule or practice whatsoever of the Hawaii air carrier affecting the rate, fare, or charge or the value of the service is or will be unjust or unreasonable, the commission shall determine and prescribe the lawful rate, fare, or charge or the maximum or minimum rate, fare, or charge thereafter to be

observed, or the lawful rule or practice thereafter to be made effective.

(e) In the exercise of its power to prescribe just and reasonable rates, fares, and charges for the transportation of passengers or property by Hawaii air carriers and to prescribe classifications, rules, and practices relating thereto, the commission shall give consideration, among other factors, to the following:

- (1) The effect of the rates upon the movement of traffic by the Hawaii air carrier or carriers for which the rates are prescribed;
- (2) The need, in the public interest, of adequate and efficient transportation service by the carriers at the lowest cost consistent with the furnishing of the service; and
- (3) The need for revenues sufficient to enable the carriers, under honest, economical, and efficient management, including the operation of service at reasonable load factors, to provide the service.

(f) The commission shall establish and thereafter periodically adjust the recognized level of the fare, rate, or charge. The commission may adjust the recognized level by increasing or decreasing it, as appropriate, by the percentage change in the aggregate cost per available seat mile of similarly situated carriers for fares and per available ton mile for general commodity rates.

(g) The commission shall have no authority to find that any fare, rate, or other charge for service established by any Hawaii air carrier is unjust, unreasonable, or unjustified or to suspend the fare, rate, or other charge on the basis that the fare, rate or charge is too low or too high if the fare, rate, or charge is not more than five per cent higher or ten per cent lower than the recognized level of the fare, rate, or charge. Separate recognized levels shall be established and thereafter periodically adjusted on a peak and off-peak basis for first class fares, normal economy fares, tour basing fares, group fares, kamaaina fares, and for general commodity rates. The commission shall have no authority to find that a contract freight rate is unjust or unreasonable. [L Sp 2008, c 1, pt of §2]

" **[\$261E-13] Tariffs.** (a) Every Hawaii air carrier shall file with the air carrier commission, and keep open to public inspection, tariffs showing all the rates, fares, and charges for transportation, and all services in connection therewith, of passengers or property. The rates, fares, and charges shall be stated in terms of lawful money of the United States. The

tariffs required by this section shall be published, filed, and posted in the form and manner and shall contain the information that the commission shall prescribe by rule. The commission may reject any tariff filed with it that is inconsistent with this section. Any tariff rejected by the commission shall be void and its use shall be unlawful.

(b) No change shall be made in any rate, fare, charge, or classification, or any rule, or practice affecting the rate, fare, charge, or classification, or the value of the service thereunder, specified in any effective tariff of a Hawaii air carrier, except after thirty days notice of the proposed change filed and posted in accordance with subsection (a). The commission, in its discretion and for good cause shown, may allow the change upon notice less than that specified or modify the requirements of this section with respect to posting and filing of tariffs, either in particular instances or by general order applicable to special or peculiar circumstances or conditions.

(c) No Hawaii air carrier shall engage in the transportation of persons or property unless the rates, fares, and charges upon which the same are transported by the carrier have been filed and published in accordance with this chapter.

(d) Whenever any schedule is filed with the commission stating a new rate, fare, or charge for the transportation of passengers or property by a Hawaii air carrier or any rule or practice affecting the rate, fare, or charge, or the value of the service thereunder, the carrier, on its own initiative may, or by order of the commission served prior to the effective date of the schedule shall, concurrently file an economic justification that shall be prepared under the same form and in the same manner as prescribed by the commission unless the changed fare or rate is within the zone of fare or rate flexibility established pursuant to section 261E-12(g).

Except as provided in section 261E-12(g), the commission, upon complaint of any interested person or upon its own initiative at once and, if it so orders, without answer or other formal pleading by the interested carrier or carriers, but upon reasonable notice, may enter upon a hearing concerning the lawfulness of the rate, fare, or charge, or the rule or practice, and pending the hearing and decision the commission, may suspend the operation of the schedule and defer the use of the rate, fare, or charge, or the rule or practice, by delivering to the affected carrier or carriers not later than five days prior to the effective date of the schedule, a statement in writing of its reasons for the suspension. The commission shall have up to six months from the date of ordering a hearing to investigate the lawfulness of the rate, fare, or

charge, to complete its investigation. If the commission fails to issue a final order within the six-month period then the changes proposed by the carrier shall go into effect. At any hearing involving a change in a rate, fare, charge, or classification, or in a rule or practice, the burden of proof shall be upon the carrier to show that the proposed changed rate, fare, charge, classification, rule, or practice is just and reasonable. In exercising its authority under this subsection and subsection (e), the commission shall consider the factors regarding reasonableness set forth in section 261E-12(e).

(e) When a fare or rate increase application is filed, the commission, in its discretion, may authorize temporary increases in rates, fares, and charges, upon a prima facie showing by a Hawaii air carrier that such fares, rates, or charges are just and reasonable; provided that the commission by order shall require the carrier to keep an accurate account of all amounts received from the increase. The commission, after hearing and decision, shall require a carrier to refund the portion of the increased rates or charges found to be not justified to persons in whose behalf the amounts were paid. [L Sp 2008, c 1, pt of §2]

" **[\$261E-14] Investigation of unfair or deceptive practices.** The commission, upon its own initiative or upon complaint, if it considers the action to be in the public interest, may investigate and determine whether any Hawaii air carrier has been or is engaged in unfair or deceptive practices or unfair methods of competition in air transportation or the sale thereof. If the commission finds, after notice and hearing, that a carrier is engaged in unfair or deceptive practices or unfair methods of competition, it shall order the carrier to cease and desist from those practices or methods of competition. Notwithstanding section 480-2(d), a complaint may be made by any person, a government, or competing carrier and may relate to practices involving advertising and marketing, service and ancillary services, pricing, or any other aspect of the operations of a Hawaii air carrier. [L Sp 2008, c 1, pt of §2]

" **[\$261E-15] Issuance of securities; execution of leases.** A Hawaii air carrier, with the approval of the air carrier commission, may issue stocks and stock certificates, bonds, notes, and other evidences of indebtedness, payable at periods of more than twelve months after the date thereof, and enter into long-term leases of more than five years and leverage leases, for the following purposes:

- (1) For the acquisition or use of property;

- (2) For the construction, completion, extension, or improvement of or addition to its facilities or service;
- (3) For the discharge or lawful refunding of its obligations; and
- (4) For the reimbursement of moneys actually expended from income or from any other moneys in its treasury not secured by or obtained from the issue of its stocks or stock certificates, or bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness, except maintenance of service, replacements, and substitutions not constituting capital expenditure in cases where the air carrier has kept its accounts for the expenditure in a manner as to enable the commission to ascertain the amount of moneys expended and the purposes for which the expenditures were made and the sources of the funds in its treasury applied to the expenditures.

A Hawaii air carrier may not issue securities or enter into long-term leases of more than three years and leverage leases, to acquire or use property or to construct, complete, extend, improve, or add to its facilities or service, if the commission determines that the proposed transaction will have a material adverse effect on the carrier's operations. No carrier shall repurchase or reissue its own common stock without the approval of the commission.

This section shall apply to a transaction involving a related company to the extent that the commission determines that the transaction may have a potential impact upon the relevant Hawaii air carrier or its operations. A related company shall notify the commission of any transaction at least sixty days prior to its consummation. [L Sp 2008, c 1, pt of §2]

" **[\$261E-16] Accounts, records, and reports.** The air carrier commission may require annual, periodic, or special reports from all Hawaii air carriers and related companies. The commission shall prescribe the manner and form in which the reports shall be made. [L Sp 2008, c 1, pt of §2]

" **[\$261E-17] Unlawful actions; penalties.** (a) Any person who knowingly and wilfully violates any provision of this chapter, or the terms of any certificate, for which violation a penalty is not otherwise provided in this chapter, shall be fined not less than \$500 or more than \$2,000 for the first offense and not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$10,000 for any subsequent offense. Each day of the violation shall constitute a separate offense.

(b) Any person, whether carrier, shipper, or consignee, or any officer, employee, agent, or representative thereof, who:

- (1) Knowingly offers, grants, gives, solicits, accepts, or receives any rebate, concession, or discrimination in violation of any provision of this chapter;
- (2) By means of any false statement or representation or by the use of any false or fictitious bill, bill of lading, receipt, voucher, roll, account, claim, certificate, affidavit, deposition, lease, or bill of sale, or by any other means or device, knowingly and wilfully assists, suffers, or permits any person or persons, natural or artificial, to obtain transportation of passengers or property subject to this chapter for less than the applicable rate, fare, or charge; or
- (3) Knowingly and wilfully by any such means or otherwise fraudulently seeks to evade or defeat regulations in this chapter,

shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$5,000 for each offense.

(c) Any person who knowingly and wilfully divulges any fact or information that may come to the person's knowledge during the course of any examination or inspection made under authority of this chapter, except as the person may be directed by the commission or by a court or judge of competent jurisdiction, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(d) Any Hawaii air carrier or related company, or any officer, agent, employee, or representative thereof, who knowingly and wilfully fails or refuses to comply with any provision of this chapter, or any rule, filed tariff, or requirement or order thereunder, shall pay a civil penalty to the State in the sum of not less than \$100 nor more than \$5,000 for each offense and, in the case of a continuing violation, a penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for each additional day during which the failure or refusal continues. A penalty shall become due and payable when the person incurring it receives a notice in writing from the air carrier commission, reasonably describing the violation and advising that the penalty is due. Penalties against a related company, at the discretion of the air carrier commission, may be collected from the related Hawaii air carrier.

(e) The commission may compromise any fine or civil penalty taking into consideration, among other factors, the impact on consumers and remedial measures to be taken. [L Sp 2008, c 1, pt of §2]

" **[\$261E-18] Hearings.** (a) Unless otherwise provided in this chapter, all hearings, investigations, and proceedings shall be governed by chapter 91 and by rules adopted by the air carrier commission, and in the conduct thereof, the rules of evidence need not be applied; provided that in all evidentiary hearings conducted pursuant to chapter 91 in which a person has the burden of:

- (1) Justifying the reasonableness of its rates, fares, charges, or classifications;
- (2) Establishing the need for service in the public convenience and necessity or of demonstrating that a proposed transaction is consistent with the public interest; or
- (3) Proving the reasonableness of expenditures, contracts, leases, or other transactions between the carrier and corporate affiliates of the carrier,

the burden shall be satisfied only if the reliable, probative, and substantial evidence is clear and convincing. No informality in any hearing, investigation, or proceeding, or in the manner of taking testimony shall invalidate any order, decision, or rule made, approved, or confirmed by the commission.

(b) Complaints may be made in writing by the commission on its own motion or by any person or body politic setting forth any act or thing done, or omitted to be done, by any person subject to the commission's jurisdiction, including any rule, rate, or charge, heretofore established or fixed by or for any Hawaii air carrier, in violation or claimed to be in violation, of any law or any order or rule of the commission. [L Sp 2008, c 1, pt of §2]

" **[\$261E-19] Review and appeals.** (a) Within ten days after the issuance of any final decision or order of the commission under this chapter, any party aggrieved by the action of the commission may submit a petition to the director of transportation requesting the director to review the decision or order. The filing of any petition shall stay the effectiveness of the decision or order until the director has issued a final decision on review. The director may affirm in whole or in part the order or decision of the commission or remand it to the commission for further consideration, in which case the order or decision shall remain stayed until it is again submitted to and approved by the director.

(b) An appeal from an order of the air carrier commission under this chapter, whether or not reviewed by the director, shall be made to the supreme court in the manner and within the time provided by chapter 602 and the rules of court; provided

that the order is final. If the order is preliminary, an appeal may be made pursuant to section 91-14(a). The appeal shall not of itself stay the operation of the order appealed from, but the court may stay the order after a hearing upon a motion therefor and may impose such conditions as it may deem proper as to giving a bond and keeping the necessary accounts or otherwise securing restitution of the excess charges, if any, made during the pendency of the appeal in case the order appealed from should be sustained, revised, or modified, in whole or in part.

(c) Any party injured by a violation of this chapter may file an action to enjoin such violation before any court of general jurisdiction of the State of Hawaii. [L Sp 2008, c 1, pt of §2]

" **[\$261E-20] Existing service.** (a) As of the effective date of enactment of all required federal legislation, any person providing air transportation with turnaround service between two points, both of which are within the State of Hawaii pursuant to authority granted by the United States Department of Transportation, shall be deemed qualified and shall be issued a certificate pursuant to this chapter.

(b) For the purposes of this section, "turnaround service" means the operation of an aircraft that only serves points within the State of Hawaii. [L Sp 2008, c 1, pt of §2]