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SB769

Submitted on: 2/12/2017

Testimony for TRE on Feb 13, 2017 14:30PM in Conference Room 225

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Casey Riemer	Jack Harter Helicopters	Support	No

Comments: I am writing in support of SB 769 which will provide needed parity in tax treatment for all aircraft. The State's economy is highly dependent on tourism and the ability to travel between islands. We are a part of an industry which promotes helicopter travel, as well as helicopter transportation for recreational tourism, support of agricultural work, construction, natural resource management, photography and medical needs. At the present time, traditional aircraft and only some helicopters are afforded certain tax exemptions. We urge you to support SB 769. Casey Riemer General Manager/VP Jack Harter Helicopters PO BOX 306 Lihue, Hawaii 96766

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COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

DATE: Monday, February 13, 2017
TIME: 2:30pm
PLACE: Conference Room 225

SB 769 RELATING TO TAXATION.

OPPOSE

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee.

Life of the Land is Hawai`i's own energy, environmental and community action group advocating for the people and `aina for 47 years. Our mission is to preserve and protect the life of the land through sound energy and land use policies and to promote open government through research, education, advocacy and, when necessary, litigation.

The bill asserts that tourism is booming, that regular plane owners get tax breaks, so why shouldn't other rich people, like helicopter buyers, also get to pay less taxes. A "reverse robin hood" approach.

Why not switch it around, noting that many people are still hurting from the Wall Street induced Economic Meltdown on 2008. Add the tax to regular airplane purchasers, but make it tax neutral, by reducing GET on the lower and middle class.

Mahalo,

Henry Curtis, Executive Director

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Daniel Bishop	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: strongly oppose

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Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee.

I'm writing in opposition to SB 769.

I agree with Life of the Land's testimony whole-heartedly and feel that regular plane owners should NOT be getting tax breaks. They are the one percent wealthiest people in our nation and do not need any handouts from me or others in the public who struggle to make ends meet. The Kone international airport is full of them and they're not carrying their weight using our resources and space.

Please do add the tax to regular airplane purchasers, but make it tax neutral by reducing GET on the lower and middle class.

Mahalo and sincerely,
Janice palma-glennie
Kailua-kona