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Comments:

Aloha,

I live out in the country probably 7 miles as the crow flies from the nearest airport in Hilo. Yet, I am constantly harassed by helicopters that not only fly low but also fly directly over me. Sometimes for 5 or 6 hours I'll hear a new helicopter every 2 minutes. As many as 200 flights a day.

Today I had 3 blue helicopters fly over my house at 250' within 3 minutes of each other. It is absolutely appalling that this is allowed to go on. I'm trying to live a quiet life out in the country and it is nearly impossible with this constant level of harrassment. Many others flew directly overhead as well ALL DAY LONG. And that was just today.

By and large any complaints are if ignored. I was actually told last week they get so many complaints here about helicopters and helicopter noise that they don't even bother to respond. That is really pathetic because if something was actually done and so many people weren't being harassed then there wouldn't be so many complaints.

They fly directly over me in the house, in the yard, pretty much everywhere I go. I do not feel safe in my own home or in my yard. They simply do not care they are very greedy as long as they can make a buck. People shouldn't have to feel "under siege" in their own homes.

When I have constant helicopters overhead it triggers my PTSD. When I go home to relax, I do not want to be harassed. They are relentless and keep harassing, harassing, harassing... Twice this month constant helicopter noise has given me a migraine on the left side of my face. Then the helicopter noise gets even loader and even more offensive. My health is more important to me than a tourist's right to harass me.

Everyone in the State of Hawaii has the right to peaceful, quiet, and private enjoyment of their property whether they own it or rent it.. That isn't up for debate as that is the law. Helicopters make it unpeaceful, loud, and are highly intrusive to any privacy.

Individual owners do own the air rights immediately above their property. When they constantly invade that space that is criminal as it is a form of theft. They do not have

the legal right to buzz everyone at any height they want just because the FAA refuses to do their job or doesn't even have anyone on staff to enforce it.

They have alternatives like flying over the ocean, yet many are "too cheap" to even buy the safety equipment. If they are too cheap to buy safety equipment I wonder what other corners in safety they are cutting?

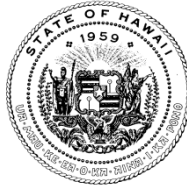
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**URGING VARIOUS GOVERNMENT ENTITIES TO DEVELOP, UPDATE, AND
INTRODUCE POLICIES RELATED TO HELICOPTER AIR TOURS AT THE STATE
AND NATIONAL LEVEL.**

Senate Committee on Government Operations

The Department of Transportation offers **comments** to H.C.R 177, H.D. 1.

The State of Hawaii lacks jurisdiction over the National Airspace System (NAS), and thus, should not be involved in developing procedures for aircraft flight operations. The Federal Aviation Administration and United States Military under some circumstances has sole jurisdiction in the NAS.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.