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**S.B. 2619, S.D. 2**  
**RELATING TO AERONAUTICS**

House Committee on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** with comments S.B. 2619, S.D. 2, relating to Aeronautic Administrative Rules Penalties. The DOT appreciates the statements of legislative concern relating to the severity of criminal penalties for violations of certain categories of airport rules.

The DOT notes that enforcement guidelines in a General Aviation Handbook (GAH) will be established. The GAH will define the infractions and associated penalties through a collaborative process to include but not limited to the DOT, State Attorney's office, Federal Aviation Administration and representatives of the General Aviation community.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2018 5:47:22 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/16/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert Moore	General Aviation Council of Hawaii (GACH)	Support	No

Comments:

The General Aviation Council of Hawaii (GACH) fully supports the quick passage of this bill. Current policy of HIDOT Airports Division issues criminal citations for minor infractions like having a bike in the hangar to go to the bathroom. These criminal citations are injurious to a pilot's career. Hawaii is the only State in the US that does these actions. Please correct this miscarriage of justice and just impose fines to correct minor infractions. Please pass this bill.

Thank you

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Submitted on: 3/14/2018 9:59:54 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/16/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bill Plum	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this bill. It will bring some common sense and fairness to the management of the HI State airports and will specifically acknowledge the FAA's position on what can and cannot be kept inside of hangars. It will also keep pilots and others who utilize the airport from suffering the burden of having a criminal record for life for something that in any other airport in the USA, would be a minor civil violation and fine. No other jurisdiction in the USA brings full criminal misdemeanor charges, punishable by up to a year in jail, against airport users for the acts covered in this bill.

Thank you.

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Submitted on: 3/15/2018 7:40:37 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/16/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
robert bonham	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I have been a physician and pilot for 30 years in Hawaii. I am in favor of this SB2619. I have seen the negative effect of allowing the state DOT to issue a criminal misdemeanor for pilot/hanger problems. No other state in the union has this type of burdensome law or administrative rules. The punishment of a misdemeanor can unfairly put a pilots career in jeopardy. A captain cannot enter some other country such as Canada with a misdemeanor on his/her record. A current unfair rule needs to be changed. SB2619 offers the solution to make admin rules less punitive and more in line with the rest of the country. Bob Bonham, flight instructor/physician

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Testimony for TRN on 3/16/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melissa McCaffrey	Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for TRN on 3/16/2018 10:30:00 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Marita Byrnes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: