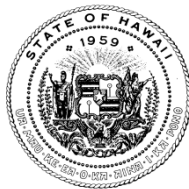


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H.C.R. 147 / H.R. 135
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A
FEASIBILITY STUDY ON UNIVERSAL PILOT BADGES FOR AIRPORTS IN THE
STATE.

Senate Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the intent of these resolutions provided that \$50,000 is appropriated to conduct a feasibility study on universal pilot badges for airports in the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



March 18, 2019

The Honorable Henry Aquino
Chairman, House Committee on Transportation
Hawai`i State Capitol, Room # 419
415 S. Beretania Street
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Dear Representative Aquino, and members of the committee:

Thank you for hearing HCR 147, which requests the Department of Transportation to conduct a feasibility study on universal pilot badges for airports across the State. I write on behalf of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), the world's largest aviation organization, representing the general aviation interests of over 1,000 members in Hawai`i.

AOPA supports HCR 147. Currently, all major airport in Hawai`i have their own badging system. As a result, pilots who travel between islands must acquire air operations area (AOA) badges at each airport. It has been brought to our attention that each security badge requires a time-consuming process, which includes paying \$40 per badge for a Transportation Security Administration (TSA) security check and fingerprint processing.

Also, at several airports it is said that the processing area is often far away from the general aviation parking area. This means that a pilot that is not at their home airport, also known as a transient pilot, with only airline identification, must ask a gate agent for access to the ramp.

Additionally, general aviation pilots are typically asked for their pilot's license, which does not contain a photo ID, and occasionally their driver's license. A statewide system would reduce cost and duplication of security applications and clearances.

A universal badge would be valid at all airports in the State of Hawai`i. It could provide electronic access at those airports with electronic gates. Which is currently offered at Hilo International Airport (KITO), Kahului Airport (KOGG), and Lihue Airport (LIH) transient parking areas. This would save valuable time for pilots and security staff. Electronic badges would also provide an audit trail, useful for both security related investigations and for determining the last known whereabouts of pilots in the case of overdue arrivals.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact me directly at 301-695-2228 or Melissa.McCaffrey@aopa.org

Sincerely,

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The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association is a not-for-profit individual membership organization of General Aviation Pilots and Aircraft Owners. AOPA's mission is to effectively serve the interests of its members and establish, maintain, and articulate positions of leadership to promote the economy, safety, utility, and popularity of flight in general aviation aircraft. Representing two thirds of all pilots in the United States, AOPA is the largest civil aviation organization in the world.