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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that helicopter crashes  
2 and resulting deaths continue to be a matter of public concern  
3 in Hawaii. There have been eighteen civilian helicopter crashes  
4 in Hawaii since 2015, occurring on Oahu, Hawaii island, Kauai,  
5 and Molokai.

6           Hawaii residents are not only concerned with the dangers  
7 associated with helicopter crashes, such as the December 2019  
8 crash on Kauai or the April 2019 crash on a residential street  
9 in Kailua, but also with issues related to helicopter noise,  
10 frequency, and altitude. These concerns related to helicopters  
11 in Hawaii remain largely unresolved. The legislature believes  
12 that requiring helicopter owners and operators to report basic  
13 details of helicopter flights will help provide necessary  
14 information to stakeholders and community members in order to  
15 find a meaningful resolution to this area of concern.



1           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require  
2 helicopter owners and operators to submit monthly reports about  
3 basic helicopter flight information.

4           SECTION 2. Chapter 261, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
6 and to read as follows:

7           "§261- Reporting of helicopter flights. (a) For each  
8 helicopter subject to this chapter, the owner or operator of  
9 that helicopter shall submit a report that includes details of  
10 each flight the helicopter took during each calendar month to  
11 the department.

12           (b) The report shall include:

13           (1) The days and times that the helicopter took off and  
14 landed;

15           (2) The number of individuals in the helicopter during  
16 each flight;

17           (3) Each flight path, including altitudes, from take-off  
18 through landing; and

19           (4) Whether the helicopter deviated from its flight plan,  
20 including an explanation of why the deviation  
21 occurred.



1        (c) The report required pursuant to this section shall be  
2 submitted by 4:30 p.m. on the fifteenth day of the month  
3 following the month for which the report is required.

4        (d) The department shall post:

5        (1) The reports required under subsection (a) to its  
6 website within one week of receipt of the report from  
7 a helicopter owner or operator; and

8        (2) Monthly reports to its website on the number of novel  
9 public complaints, by region as identified by the  
10 complainant, received by the department regarding  
11 helicopters each month.

12        (e) The failure to submit a report to the department  
13 pursuant to subsection (a) shall constitute a violation of this  
14 chapter, and the owner or operator of the helicopter shall be  
15 subject to the penalties established pursuant to section  
16 261-21."

17        SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
18 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
19 begun before its effective date.



- 1 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.
- 2 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Helicopters; Reporting; DOT

**Description:**

Requires helicopter owners and operators to submit reports to the department of transportation about basic helicopter flight information. Requires the department of transportation to post reports regarding helicopters to its website. Takes effect on 7/1/2050. (HD2)

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