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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HELICOPTERS.

**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 April 2019 crash  
8 on a residential street in Kailua, but also with issues related  
9 to helicopter noise, frequency, and altitude. These concerns  
10 related to helicopters in Hawaii remain largely unresolved. The  
11 legislature believes that requiring helicopter owners and  
12 operators to report basic details of helicopter flights will  
13 help provide necessary information to stakeholders and community  
14 members in order to find a meaningful resolution to this area of  
15 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 and the advisory committee of the county from  
12 which the helicopter took off from or landed in.

13           (b) The report shall include:

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

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

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



1        (4) Whether the helicopter deviated from its flight plan,  
2                    including an explanation of why the deviation  
3                    occurred.

4        (c) The report required pursuant to this section shall be  
5                    submitted by 4:30 PM on the fifteenth day of month following the  
6                    month for which the report is required.

7        (d) The department shall post the reports required under  
8                    subsection (a) to its website within one week of receipt of the  
9                    report from a helicopter owner or operator.

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

15       SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

16       SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# H.B. NO. 2743

**Report Title:**

Helicopters; Reporting; Department of Transportation; Advisory Committee

**Description:**

Requires helicopter owners and operators to submit reports to the department of transportation and the appropriate county advisory committee about basic helicopter flight information.

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