

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2345**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 05 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2649

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred S.B. No. 2649 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOUR AIRCRAFT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to improve tour aircraft safety by requiring that tour aircraft permit seekers have aircraft that are outfitted with Federal Aviation Approved safety devices.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Stop Disrespectful Air Tourism!, Oahu Tour Helicopter Safety and Noise Interaction Group, Pearl City Neighborhood Board, Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board #1, Kailua Neighborhood Board #31, and seven individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Helicopter Association

Your Committee finds that in 2019 alone, there were two helicopter crashes in the State of Hawaii resulting in ten fatalities. Your Committee further finds given the geographic and weather conditions in Hawaii, certified instrument flight technology and flotation devices are integral safety devices for tour helicopter. This measure would require tour aircraft to be outfitted with those safety devices before being granted permits to operate.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2649 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health.


Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation,


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:	
SB2649	TRS, CPH	01/29/20	
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____			
The Recommendation is:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310	<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay
Excused			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	/		
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)			/
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/		
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/		
FEVELLA, Kurt	/		
TOTAL	4		1
Recommendation:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted	
Chair's or Designee's Signature:			
			
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