

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3505

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAY 15 2020

RE: S.C.R. No. 11

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.C.R. No. 11 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES
CONGRESS TO AUTHORIZE THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY
BOARD TO ADOPT AND ENFORCE REGULATIONS FOR INCREASED SAFETY
STANDARDS FOR HELICOPTERS AND SMALL AIRCRAFT THAT CHARGE FEES
FOR CARRYING PASSENGERS ON RECREATIONAL FLIGHTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
United States Congress to authorize the National Transportation
Safety Board to adopt and enforce regulations for increased safety
standards for helicopters and small aircraft that charge fees for
carrying passengers on recreational flights.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Office of the
Mayor, County of Hawai'i; Hawaii Island Coalition Malama Pono;
Windward Coalition; O'ahu Tour Helicopter Safety and Noise Inter-
Action Group; and seven individuals. Your Committee received
testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

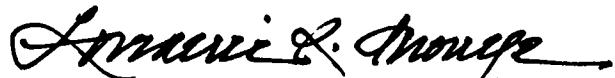
Your Committee finds that there have been two fatal aircraft
crashes in Hawaii since April 2019. Your Committee further finds
that under federal law, the Federal Aviation Administration has
the authority to prescribe regulations on the flight of aircraft,
including protecting individuals and property on the ground and



preventing collisions. Following several recent crashes in Hawaii, the National Transportation Safety Board urged the Federal Aviation Administration to increase regulations for aircraft and air tour operators. However, the Federal Aviation Administration has declined to make changes to improve the safety of charter flights and parachuting service operations as recommended by the National Transportation Safety Board. Your Committee finds that the National Transportation Safety Board's recommended regulations for charter flights and parachuting service operations are necessary to address the increasing safety risks and fatalities caused by these types of for-hire tour operations; however, only Congress may grant authority to the National Transportation Safety Board to adopt and enforce safety regulations.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 11 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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

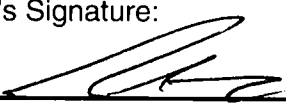


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SCR 11	TRS, JDC	3/11/2020		
<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
INOUE, Lorraine R. (C)	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)				/
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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