

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3552

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAY 19 2020

RE: S.C.R. No. 12

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. 12 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE FEDERAL AVIATION
ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE ACTION REGARDING COMMERCIAL HELICOPTER
TOUR OPERATIONS IN HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Federal
Aviation Administration to take action regarding commercial
helicopter tour operations in Hawaii.

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; Pearl City Neighborhood Board Chair; and seven
individuals.

Your Committee finds that commercial helicopter tours have
become a nuisance to many residents in areas over which tour
helicopters fly, as the lack of regulation and popularity of this
visitor activity have led to their significant increase. Your
Committee further finds that the distress and disruption caused by
chronic helicopter noise has become a public health concern and
comprehensive regulation of these helicopters and the enforcement
of those regulations are necessary. To address these concerns,
this measure urges the Federal Aviation Administration to:



- (1) More aggressively enforce existing laws against commercial tour operators in the State;
- (2) Increase minimum flight altitudes for helicopters;
- (3) Mandate offshore tour aircraft routes when appropriate; and
- (4) Create air tour management plans for national parks in Hawaii.

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. 12 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. INOUYE, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR 12	Committee Referral: TRS, JDC	Date: 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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*Only one measure per Record of Votes