

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3503

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAY 15 2020

RE: S.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.R. No. 12 entitled:

"SENATE 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. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

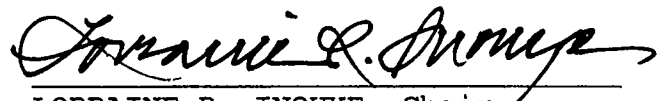
Your Committee finds that there have been two fatal aircraft crashes in Hawaii since April 2019. Your Committee further finds that under federal law, the Federal Aviation Administration has the authority to prescribe regulations on the flight of aircraft, including protecting individuals and property 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.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.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SR12	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	
INOUYE, 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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