

HCR-95

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Testimony for TRS on 4/13/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chad Taniguchi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

All users should be safe on our roads.

But tourist helicopters should not clog our skies, disturb our peace, and endanger our lives by flying over residential areas.

Senator Chris Lee, Chair
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

April 13th, 2021 at 3:00pm
Hawaii State Capitol Conference Room 224

In support of HCR 95, URGING HAWAII HELICOPTER COMPANIES TO AVOID CONDUCTING NON-EMERGENCY FLIGHTS OVER RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS.

Dear Senator Chris Lee, Senator Lorraine Inouye, Senator Rosalyn Baker, Senator Stanley Chang and Members of the committee,

My name is Zoey Lau, a current social work graduate student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I am writing today in support of HCR 95, urging Hawaii helicopter companies to refrain from non-emergency flights over residential neighbourhoods.

As seen throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the effects of tourism greatly affect the residents of Hawaii. Although commercial helicopter tours are economically beneficial to private companies, helicopter flights over residential neighbourhoods not only create noise pollution, but added dangers to residents.

Helicopter flights over residential neighbourhoods have proven to create potential safety hazards, as seen through a deadly crash in Kailua, on the island of Oahu. Restricting helicopter companies from flying over residential neighbourhoods; except in the case of emergencies will protect the individuals and families residing in Hawaii, while enabling highly desired tourism activities to continue in areas of flight that do not put residents in harm's way, or cause further disturbance.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in this piece of legislation,

Zoey Lau

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Submitted on: 4/10/2021 1:06:42 PM

Testimony for TRS on 4/13/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thomas T Shirai Jr	Testifying for The Kawaihapai Ohana	Support	No

Comments:

Aloga Chair Lee, Chair Baker & Committee Members,

I am testifying as an Individual and Po'o of The Kawaihapai Ohana which is a Native Hawaiian Organization recognized by the Department of Interior' Office of Hawaiian Relations. I am a lifetime resident of Mokule'ia serving my fourth consecutive term on the North Shore Neighborhood Board Sub-District 1 (Mokule'ia to Ka'ena) and a lineal descendant of a Waialua Piko Ohana.

I support HCR 95. The Waialua District mainly has Army Helicopters conducting training at Kawaihapai Airfield, Kawailoa Training Area and Kahuku Training Area. Further helicopter transiting is done by Coast Guard for rescue missions along with Honolulu Fire Department and Honolulu Police Department. The provides monthly reports along with training schedule and they have a flight route which they adhere to avoiding transiting over a community. If we have tour helicopters we strongly urge following the flight routes in place that the Army and other military branches abide. Hopefully we don't have this. Mahalo nui loa.

Thomas T Shirai Jr

Mokule'ia, Waialua

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Submitted on: 4/11/2021 10:30:12 PM

Testimony for TRS on 4/13/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maile Bingham	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lee and Chair Baker,

I am in support of HCR95. In the last year, low flying helicopters have been an issue for the Manoa and upper McCully area. As a resident, I have concerns about low flying aircraft and what this means for our community. Unfortunately, low flying increases noise pollution and distresses wildlife, and it is known that many people in residential areas keep pets outdoors and loud noises cause animals to run and become disoriented and lost. I do not feel safe knowing that they fly low enough to distress pets and others in the area. It is also known that low flying helicopters do not make individuals with PTSD feel safe, and many residents move to residential areas to avoid these types of triggers. Oahu residents and our local community should not be involuntarily included in these flight paths at any time, night or day.

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony.

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Submitted on: 4/13/2021 9:11:46 AM

Testimony for TRS on 4/13/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jaymie honold	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Good Afternoon,

I believe that is an unnecessary bill. The recent helicopter crash was tragic, yet, more automobile accidents, crashes, and fatalities occur than helicopter crashes. Aerial crashes are more emotional and given more media spotlight due to their rarity. This gives public perception that helicopter or airplane crashes are more dangerous because it has the potential to end a greater amount of human life. Given that helicopter tours is a very popular tourist attraction, eliminating flights over residential areas will most likely result in the creation of a set air path for helicopter or other small aircraft traffic. As a result, either more helicopters will follow the same flight patterns with an increased likelihood for collision due to increased traffic, or a decrease in helicopter flights will occur due to a set amount of flights being established per day since flights routes are limited. More focus should be on bills that support, uplift small businesses that were harmed by shutdowns; not target and constrict particular businesses when they needed to rebuild their lost wealth.