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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AIRLINES.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that since January of  
2 2021, only one passenger airline has provided service to the  
3 general public out of Molokai airport and Lanai airport. While  
4 the airline has done their best to accommodate the needs of the  
5 passengers, including adding more routes, flight times, and  
6 ordering larger planes, the cost of plane tickets are still a  
7 hinderance to many Molokai and Lanai residents who need to  
8 travel for essential reasons including work, medical  
9 appointments, and family. A subsidy can help the airlines  
10 offset the cost of passenger tickets while encouraging other  
11 airlines to also provide service at these airports.

12           The purpose of this Act is to require the department of  
13 transportation to establish a one-year pilot program to provide  
14 subsidies to airlines operating out of Molokai airport and Lanai  
15 airport.

16           SECTION 2. (a) The department of transportation shall  
17 establish and implement a one-year airline subsidy pilot program



1 at Molokai airport and Lanai airport to assist airlines in  
2 offsetting the costs of operation.

3 (b) The department of transportation shall submit a report  
4 of its findings and recommendations regarding the airline  
5 subsidy pilot program, including any proposed legislation, to  
6 the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening  
7 of the regular session of 2023.

8 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
10 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for  
11 the airline subsidy pilot program.

12 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
13 transportation for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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# S.B. NO. 2620

**Report Title:**

Airlines; Subsidy; Pilot Program; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Transportation to establish and implement a one-year airline subsidy pilot program at Molokai airport and Lanai airport to assist airlines in offsetting the costs of operation. Makes an appropriation.

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