

Honolulu, Hawaii
FEB 16 , 2022

RE: H.B. No. 2218

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2218 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE FRANK T. OKIMOTO REEF
RUNWAY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to designate the reef runway at the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport as the Frank T. Okimoto Reef Runway.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from four individuals.

Your Committee finds that the reef runway was constructed on coral reef adjacent to the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport in 1977 to alleviate aircraft noise patterns over Honolulu and the surrounding areas. The project engineer for the reef runway was the late Frank T. Okimoto, who served as an airports civil engineer from 1967 until his untimely passing in 1978.

The engineering achievements of the reef runway earned the project two awards: one of the Ten Outstanding Engineering Achievements Awards in the United States in 1977, and the Aviation Environment Award from the Federal Aviation Administration, which had only been awarded once before. Your Committee believes that



designating the reef runway as the Frank T. Okimoto Reef Runway is an appropriate tribute to Frank T. Okimoto.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2218 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



