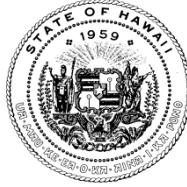


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**H.C.R. 151 & H.R. 152**  
**URGING THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND**  
**HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO TAKE ACTIONS**  
**NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH AN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER**  
**AT LANAI AIRPORT**

House Committee on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the request to urge the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Hawaii's congressional delegation to take any actions necessary to establish an air traffic control tower at Lanai Airport.

The DOT will work with Hawaii's congressional delegation on a proposal for the FAA to consider an air traffic control tower at Lanai Airport.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Testimony for TRN on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Robin Kaye	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Lānaʻi has seen an unprecedented increase in air traffic to and from our island. Lānaʻi Air is a private charter that carries hotel guests from/to Lānaʻi. Kamaka Air provides much needed freight to/from Lānaʻi. Mokulele provides passenger carry service. Added together, the Lānaʻi Airport is a busy, busy small airport. A traffic control tower would be an invaluable addition to our community's safety.

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Comments:

Mokulele have changed flight times multiple times at the very last minute sometimes passangers are already at the airport. It got to the point where we needed to get testimonies for someone to step in and help us with our transportation issues.

I was one of the couple people affected by this unprecedented delays, I was stuck at honolulu because they cancelled my flight 2 days before im supposed to be home and there are no other flights on that day to take me home to lanai anymore. I had to get a car, hotel, flights to maui, and boat to lanai the next day all because of Mokulele has been having on going cancellations and delays. I had to go back and forth with company for 3 days to get my reimbursement. They did ended up settling with me but there are many more locals who haven't been paid or refunded based on their situation. More and more people are getting affected by cancellations some didn't make it home for the holidays because of it. We need a much more reliable mode of transportation in our island specially when 70% of our medical care needs to be done off island too.. I believe we need some help to establish a proper airport with adequate amount of planes for the people of Lana'i not just the tourists on their private aircrafts.