

SB-989

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Idor Harris	Honolulu Tower AOA	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honolulu Tower is a 396 unit condominium located at Beretania and Maunakea Streets on the edge of Chinatown. At our monthly board meeting on February 6, the board took a position in support of this bill, SB989.

On several occasions over the last few months drones have approached the property, hovering, in daylight and at night. Residents have been unnerved and reported the incursions to management, elected officials, and the police. There was little that could be done as laws regarding drones are far behind the reality of the situation. This bill is the first sign that the tide may be turning

The Association of Apartment Owners of Honolulu Tower asks you to move this bill forward.

Idor Harris
Resident Manager

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
lynne matusow	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in full support of this bill. I live in a high rise condo in Honolulu, a short walk from the Capitol.

On May 19, 2022 and one other night around 10 pm I noticed a drone, with two green and one red lights. I saw it through the living room window. It sort of hung out there, hovering, maybe three blocks away. On the 19th it came from the ocean side and when it got to the hovering spot it stopped. After a bit it zoomed off mauka and diamondhead. Then it returned and hovered, and finally took off quickly in the direction of the ocean. Other residents also saw it. We were all unnerved.

In November 2022 one person saw a drone about 5:30 pm and when he started to take pictures of it it disappeared.

There must be regulations of these invaders of our privacy. This bill is a good first step. Without some enforcement the problem will only get worse.

If I had not known drones existed I would have thought the little green alien men/women from Mars or outer space were coming for me. Very frightening.
Please move this bill forward.

Testimony to the House Transportation Committee

SB 989 Relating to Unmanned Aircraft Systems

March 16, 2023

Chair Todd, Vice Chair Kila, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Cullen Chong and I am opposed to SB 989 as currently written but am offering some suggestions.

There is a misconception that the airspace above any property is owned by the property owner. It is not -- that airspace is controlled by the National Airspace System. However, property owners should have some protection as to how close a drone can come to their property.

The following are the problems I see with SB989:

- The term “Enter the property and come within 50 feet of a dwelling” is confusing. People need to know exactly when trespassing occurs.
- It is extremely difficult to tell how close a drone is and most times it seem closer than it really is. So, a drone that is 100ft away could seem like it is 50ft away.
- The bill also says that trespassing occurs only if someone intentionally coerces, intimidates, or harasses another person on the property. So, does this mean it’s not trespassing if no one is on the property or if a drone enters unnoticed by a person? I don’t believe that was the intent.
- The bill also says that for trespassing to occur a person must give a notice to desist. Who are they giving the notice to?
 - Drone operators are not usually nearby. They could be miles away.
 - Most drones don’t have microphones or the ability to transmit sound to relay a notice to desist.
 - The drone operator may not be looking at the person giving the notice to desist.
 - **It is better to just define trespassing as the moment the drone crosses a defined line.**
- I suggest defining the property as the volume made up by the property line extending upwards to fifty feet above ground, and the volume from the dwelling extended fifty feet in all directions, but not to exceed the property line. And trespassing occurs once this boundary is crossed.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
james pirtle	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I opose this bill. The legislature is not lawfully elected thus does not have the authority to enact laws and bills. All actions are treason against the United States of America.