

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 17 , 2023

RE: S.C.R. No. 170

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 170 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE
OPTIONS THAT PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AIR SERVICE TO REMOTE AND
UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE STATE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of
Transportation to establish a working group to evaluate options
that provide additional air service to remote and underserved
communities across the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Transportation, Hawaii Tourism Authority,
State Council on Developmental Disabilities, and Arc of Maui
County.

Your Committee finds that as an island state, Hawaii is
reliant upon air travel to ensure residents and tourists have
timely transportation options to navigate between islands.
However, since January 2021, only one passenger airline has
provided service to the general public out of Molokai Airport.
Your Committee further finds that the limited service between
Molokai Airport and other destinations has led to costly ticket
prices and limited flights, leaving many residents who travel for

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essential reasons such as work, medical appointments, and family stranded without a way to and from Molokai. Your Committee therefore finds that this measure seeks to find ways to address ongoing limited air travel issues in underserved and rural communities across the State and provide residents with affordable, consistent options.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 170 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation,

for 

CHRIS TODD, Chair



