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3:00 P.M.
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H.C.R. 150 HD1

**REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ESTABLISH AN
AIR SERVICE TASK FORCE TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
IMPROVING COMMERCIAL AIR TRAVEL TO AND FROM MOLOKAI AND LANA'I.**

Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** this measure, which requests that the DOT establishes an air service task force to provide recommendations for improving commercial air travel to and from Molokai and Lana'i.

The DOT supports this measure but proposes that the members of the task force be changed and consist of the following:

- (1) One (1) member selected by the Senate President;
- (2) One (1) member selected by the House Speaker;
- (3) One (1) member selected by the Governor;
- (4) The Director for Transportation, or their designee; and
- (5) Any additional member whose expertise may be relevant to and as recommended by the working group.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Submitted on: 4/11/2023 10:51:06 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/13/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lu Ann Mahiki Lankford-Faborito	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This has been a long struggle since Ohana by Hawaiian shutdown January 2021. Our residents need assistance and I would love to serve on any committees to help.

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Submitted on: 4/11/2023 10:54:00 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/13/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mahiki Lankford	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Every medical appointment for specialist has sent me off island. The service has not always been on time and even cancelled. It is a hardship since HMSA does not offer travel reimbursements and cancellations result in overnight stays, also not reimbursed. Please consider any type of kokua for our residents.

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Submitted on: 4/11/2023 10:55:40 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/13/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thompson Kaluhiokalani Faborito	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

something has to give with the constant delays, rescheduling, and cancellations. a one airline monopoly cannot work for us, pricing is severe!!!!

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Submitted on: 4/11/2023 10:58:09 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/13/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kenneth Faborito	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

travel cost is higher than other islands, due to the monopoly. In addition, delays, cancellations make it difficult to plan when travelling for doctors on Oahu & Maui. Please help our residents on Molokai.