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April 13, 2023

The Honorable Representative Chris Todd
House Committee on Transportation
The Thirty-Second Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawai'i
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Representative Todd and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: SCR170/SR128

The Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities **strongly supports SCR170/SR128**, which is 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.

We hosted our Annual Day at the Capitol Event on March 2nd this year. At this event we fly in individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities from all over the state to come and spend the day at our state capitol advocating for important issues. This year we had several advocates coming in from Molokai who almost did not make it. The airline rebooked their flight and cancelled their flight on several occasions. Without the help of help of Senator DeCoite and her office staff these advocates would not have been able to participate in the event due to the airline issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **strong support of SCR170/SR128.**

Sincerely,

Daintry Bartoldus
Executive Administrator



LATE *Testimony submitted late may not be considered by the Committee for decision making purposes.



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Statement of
JOHN DE FRIES

Hawai'i Tourism Authority
before the
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

April 13, 2023
10:00 a.m.
State Capitol Conference Room 312 & Videoconference

In consideration of
**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 170 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**

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Kila, and members of the Committee on Transportation,

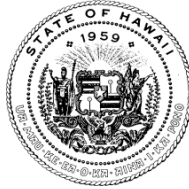
We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in **support** of SCR 170, which urges the Department of Transportation to establish a working group to evaluate options that provide additional air service to remote and underserved communities across the state.

The Hawai'i Tourism Authority's Destination Management Action Plans (DMAPs) were developed in collaboration with Hawai'i's communities. Contained in the Moloka'i DMAP is an action item to advocate "to restore affordable and dependable air and sea transportation to viable levels that meet the needs of the community." HTA has been in discussions with community members regarding the issues surrounding one airline operating to the island.

SCR 170 addresses the community's growing concern for stable and affordable air service. A working group is desperately needed to develop air service solutions for Moloka'i.

We appreciate the opportunity to offer these comments in **support** of SCR 170. Mahalo.

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April 13, 2023
10:00 A.M.
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S.C.R. 170

**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.**

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** this measure, which requests that the DOT establishes a working group to evaluate options that provide additional air service to remote and underserved communities across the State.

The DOT supports this measure but proposes that the members of the working group 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 Deputy Director for Transportation – Airports, 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.

SCR-170

Submitted on: 4/12/2023 8:05:25 AM

Testimony for TRN on 4/13/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
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Comments:

Please help us receive competition for our airlines here on Molokai. Due to medical and personal needs we want competitive prices as well as professional services we are currently not receiving. Thank you