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March 23, 2023

The Honorable Senator Chris Lee, Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
The Thirty-Second Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawai'i
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator Lee 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



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Statement of
JOHN DE FRIES

Hawai'i Tourism Authority
before the
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS

March 23, 2023
3:01 p.m.
State Capitol Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

In consideration of
**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 170 / SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 128
RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; AIR SERVICE;
RURAL AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES; WORKING GROUP**

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and members of the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts,

We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in **support** of SCR170/SR128, 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.

SB67 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 SCR170/SR128. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 3/23/2023 10:26:14 AM
Testimony for TCA on 3/23/2023 3:01:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rosie F Davis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha

I support Bill SR128.

Mahalo Rosie

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Submitted on: 3/23/2023 10:28:29 AM

Testimony for TCA on 3/23/2023 3:01:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gene Ross K. Davis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha

I support bill SR128.

Mahalo Gene Ross

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Submitted on: 3/23/2023 11:00:17 AM
Testimony for TCA on 3/23/2023 3:01:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Deldrine Kapuni Manera	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Deldrine Kauinohea Kapuni Manera.

I am a lifelong resident of Moloka'i.
I am for the proposed bill SR128

The situation re:air travel to and from Molokai is in dire straits. Many of us travel off island for medical treatment and services. It is already an emotional burden let alone a physical and financial one for many. Ive heard horror stories of our moloka'i people waiting for hours only to have their flight cancelled. my husband would return from Maui @ 10 pm when the usual time was 6pm. One Kupuna had her leg amputated and was waiting to return home when I was lucky enough to get on a plane and come home. There is definitely an issue of essential travel vs pleasure and my hope is that our folks get the proper care and treatment on the only air carrier for Moloka'i. I am praying for peaceful resolution as we cannot hana 'ino (show distaste)the only option we have now but there must be ways to improve the situation. I apologize for rushing but want to close by saying mahalo to Lynn for this opportunity to voice my concern and to support/urge the DOT's efforts to allow a working group of Moloka'i residents to talk story and come up with solutions re: this horrific disservice to Moloka'i. It's been going on too long.

Mahalo nunui