

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3224

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 2024

RE: H.B. No. 1869
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.B. No. 1869, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNMANNED AIRCRAFT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish the felony offenses of misuse of unmanned aircraft in the first, second, and third degrees.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition of this measure from one individual.

Your Committee comments on this measure from Hawaiian Electric.

Your Committee finds that the civilian use of drones has become increasingly popular among the general public. Your Committee further finds that this use has increased the risk of drones being utilized to harm people and property. This measure will adjust to the increasing availability and use of drones by



the public, discourage the misuse of drones that is detrimental to others, and ensure that state and county prosecutors are equipped to properly charge these types of offenses.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Replacing the term "unmanned" with "uncrewed";
- (2) Adding language to require that uncrewed aircraft be directly operated by a human operator at all times; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

Your Committee notes that Hawaiian Electric offered comments on House Draft 1. Should subsequent Committees choose to deliberate on this measure, your Committee respectfully requests that they consider adding a public utility to individuals exempted from this measure. Additionally, your Committee respectfully requests that they consider further specifying the terms "intentionally" and "knowingly" to avoid a potential overly broad application.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1869, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1869, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation and
Culture and the Arts,



CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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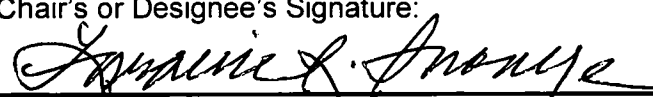
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	<i>5</i>			

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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