STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1509-24

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2024

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RE: H.C.R. No. 157

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 157 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE TO RECOGNIZE AND ADDRESS THE AIR TRANSPORTATION CRISIS ON MOLOKAI AND LĀNA`I,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the United States and the State to recognize and address the air transportation crisis on Molokai and Lana'i.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from AlohaCare and one individual.

Your Committee finds that prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Molokai and Lana'i were serviced by three airlines. However, following the COVID-19 pandemic, two of the airlines ceased operations, leaving only a single airline providing commercial flights for Molokai and Lana'i residents. As a result, residents of Molokai and Lana'i face unique challenges in accessing nonemergency but critical medical care and are often forced to cancel or miss appointments due to frequent and unexpected flight reassignments and cancellations. Your Committee further finds that federal regulations complicate and restrict the actions the State may take on its own to address this issue. Your Committee believes that this measure demonstrates the State's desire to work

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with the federal government to provide safe, reliable air transportation for the residents of Molokai and Lana'i.

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 H.C.R. No. 157 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

CHRIS TODD, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-second Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: Comp	nittee Referral:	Date	3/21/	24
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
TRN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TODD, Chris (C)				
2. KILA, Darius K. (VC)				
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3. AIU, Micah P.K.				
4. EVSLIN, Luke A.				
5. KITAGAWA, Lisa				
6. MIYAKE, Tyson K.				
7. ONISHI, Richard H.K.				
7. OMSHI, Kicharu H.K.				
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