

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2194
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 S.B. No. 2194 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 1st, 2nd, and 3rd 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 finds that the proliferation of technology has innovated aspects of daily life. However, certain technology such as unmanned aircraft, colloquially known as drones, have been utilized in the transfer of contraband into correctional facilities and interference with aircraft. As operators of unmanned aircraft operate the device from a distance, finding and identifying the individual remains a challenge for the law enforcement community. Therefore, this measure will increase public safety and security while establishing greater accountability and consequences for unmanned aircraft operators.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Replacing the term "unmanned aircraft" with "uncrewed aircraft"; and
- (2) Clarifying that the offense of misuse of uncrewed aircraft in the first, second, and third degrees do not apply to any adult corrections officer or correctional worker acting within the course and scope of their duties.

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 S.B. No. 2194, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2194, 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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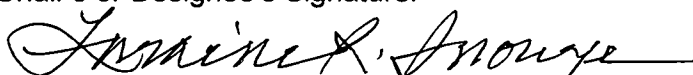
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

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

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

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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