

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 02, 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2747
S.D. 2
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 2747, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AIRCRAFT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Transportation to adopt rules requiring applicants for a tour aircraft operations permit to maintain minimum aircraft liability insurance coverage.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Association for Justice and Blue Hawaiian.

Your Committee finds that tour aircraft operations are businesses that offer aircraft for hire by passengers for the purposes of aerial observation of landmarks and other manmade or natural sites in the State and transporting passengers for tourist-related activities. Your Committee further finds that there have been a number of recent incidents involving helicopter crashes that resulted in catastrophic injury, loss of life, and substantial property damage, including a 2019 crash in a Kailua neighborhood on Oahu. This measure will ensure that these operations have the coverage necessary to properly compensate



passengers and Hawaii residents in the event of a catastrophic incident.

Your Committee has amended this measure by specifying that the minimum aircraft liability insurance coverage be \$20,000,000 per person per incident that covers, at a minimum, bodily injury and death and loss and damage to property.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2747, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2747, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

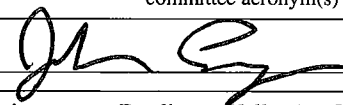
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

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)

CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)	/			
2. SAYAMA, Jackson D. (VC)	/			
3. AMATO, Terez	/			
4. BELATTI, Della Au	/			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	/			
6. HUSSEY-BURDICK, Natalia				/
7. GATES, Cedric Asuega				/
8. LOWEN, Nicole E.				/
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	/			
10. TAM, Adrian K.	/			
11. PIERICK, Elijah	/			
TOTAL (11)	8			3

The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted
 If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
 committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 

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