STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1665

Honolulu, Hawaii

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, 2025

RE: H.C.R. No. 131 H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2025 State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 131 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ENCOURAGE AND FACILITATE THE EXPANSION OF ALTERNATIVE AIRLINE SERVICES THAT UTILIZE SHORT TAKEOFF AND LANDING-CAPABLE AIRCRAFTS AND REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A RURAL AIR SERVICE PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Urge the Federal Aviation Administration and State Department of Transportation to encourage and facilitate the expansion of alternative airline services that utilize short takeoff and landing-capable aircrafts; and
- (2) Request the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct a study on the feasibility and implementation of a rural air service program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this

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measure from the Department of Transportation and Legislative Reference Bureau.

Your Committee finds that rural communities in the State, including those in Molokai and Lanai, rely on air travel for essential services such as healthcare, education, and economic opportunities. Recent reductions in airline service and rising ticket costs have significantly limited access to reliable transportation, making it more difficult for residents to meet basic needs. This measure aims to improve connectivity for rural and remote communities across the State through alternative airline services to ensure residents have access to essential services.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requesting the Department of Transportation, instead of the Legislative Reference Bureau, to conduct the study;
- (2) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 131, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Legislative Management in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 131, H.D. 1.

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

DARIUS VILA, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee TR.V.	Referral:		Date: 3/2	5/25
☐ The committee is reconside	ering 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)					
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The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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