

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 24 2025

RE: S.B. No. 1102  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 2  
C.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

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

Sir and Madam:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 1102, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE AIRCRAFT RESCUE FIRE FIGHTING UNIT,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to specify the appointment processes and terms for the Fire Chief of the Hawaii State Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Unit of the Airports Division of the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee on Conference finds that existing state law does not articulate the term duration and term limits for the appointed Chief of the State Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Unit. Your Committee on Conference further finds that it is necessary to correct the vagueness in the statute pertaining to this critically



important position by clarifying the appointment processes and terms of service.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring, rather than authorizing, the Director of Transportation to appoint the Fire Chief of the Hawaii State Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Unit from a list of qualified candidates submitted for consideration by the State Fire Council, subject to the advice and consent of the Senate;
- (2) Changing the number of qualified candidates submitted on the list from five to three;
- (3) Deleting language that would have required the Director of Transportation to give strong consideration to and prioritize those candidates;
- (4) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1102, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1102, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.




Respectfully submitted on behalf  
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE



DARIUS KILA

Co-Chair



DAVID A. TARNAS

Co-Chair

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



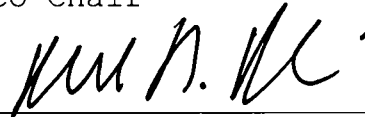
CHRIS LEE

Chair



BRANDON J.C. ELEFANTE

Co-Chair



STANLEY CHANG

Co-Chair



# Hawai'i State Legislature

## Record of Votes of a Conference Committee

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Bill / Concurrent Resolution No.: <b>SB 1102, SD 2, HD 2</b>					Date/Time: <b>4/24/25 2:00 PM</b>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).									
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.									
<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure					<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House Manager(s) is to AGREE to the Senate amendments made to the House Measure.				
Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
LEE, Chris, Chr.	✓				KILA, Darius K., Co-Chr.	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C., Co-Chr.	✓				TARNAS, David A., Co-Chr.	✓			
CHANG, Stanley, Co-Chr.				✓	MURAOKA, Christopher L.	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓								
TOTAL	3			1	TOTAL	3			
A = Aye      WR = Aye with Reservations      N = Nay      E = Excused									
Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted					House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 					House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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