

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

915

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2025

RE: S.B. No. 1638
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1638, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AIR CARRIERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to facilitate the provision of air carrier services for the island of Molokai.

Specifically, the measure:

- (1) Establishes within the Department of Transportation the Molokai Air Carrier Subsidy Program to subsidize air carriers operating out of Molokai Airport; and
- (2) Appropriates moneys for the program.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from a member of the Maui County Council; P & S Refrigeration, LLC; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee finds that for more than four years, only one passenger airline has provided service to the general public at Molokai Airport. Your Committee believes that this measure will



help offset the costs of providing air carrier services for the airport, which will also encourage other airlines to offer services for the island.

Your Committee has amended this measure by designating the measure's appropriation to the Department of Transportation's administration division (TRN995) for the Molokai air carrier subsidy program.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1638, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1638, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB1638 SD1</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">TCA, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">2-27-25</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	13	0	0	0
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
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