



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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SB 2088, SD1, HD1 - RELATING TO ADVANCED FLIGHT SIMULATOR TRAINING

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee:

Honolulu Community College stands in strong support of this measure.

Honolulu Community College operates the University System's only flight training and aviation mechanic training programs. The mechanic's program, started in 1949, is now in its 59th year of existence and the flight training program will soon celebrate its 10th year of operation. Both programs have the potential for growth. HCC hopes to eventually partner with airlines and/or airplane manufacturers to build a world class training program which will put the College in a position to offer top notch, airline industry approved training to not only Hawai'i students, but also to countries where there is a great demand for pilots and aviation mechanics.

A bill such as this would assist prospective private sector partners in making an investment in expensive flight training materials and equipment.

We respectfully request that the Committee amend the current defective date of 2034 to 2008 before passage.

We look forward to further solidifying the University of Hawai'i's standing as a world class institute and HCC's capacity to become a first-rate aviation training center.