



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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HCR196, HR 150 SUPPORTING THE CONCEPT OF A PUBLIC-PRIVATE JOINT
VENTURE TO DEVELOP A NEW ADVANCED SIMULATOR
AIRLINE TRAINING FACILITY IN HAWAII

Chair Waters, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

Honolulu Community College (HCC) stands in support of HCR 196 and its companion resolution HR 150.

HCC has researched a commercial pilot training program for over 15 years. In 2004, HCC entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Alteon Training, Inc. (Boeing Company) and Global Flyers Corporation to create the world's first vertically integrated pilot training center. Unfortunately, this relationship never came to fruition due to lack of funding. As a result, Taiwanese airlines took their business to training centers in Florida. This was a tremendous loss of opportunity for Hawai'i to build a reputation as a first class international flight training destination, as well as a loss of revenue to the State.

A new potential training partnership is being proposed to develop a world-class training capability in Hawaii. Flight Safety International, Global Aeronautics LLC, Alteon, and HCC-University of Hawaii will form an alliance to offer flight training and simulation to global standards. Moreover, an advanced simulator training facility as discussed in the resolution will allow HCC to diversify its aviation offerings while serving to establish Hawai'i as a major international site for professional commercial pilot training. The only cost to the State would be a contribution of land for operations.

Honolulu Community College strongly supports this resolution and looks forward to working with Global Aeronautics, LLC to serve Asian airline training requirements in Hawai'i.