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Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Espero, and Members of the Committee:

Honolulu Community College stands in support of this measure.

Honolulu Community College operates the University System's only flight training and aviation mechanic training programs. The mechanic's program was started in 1949 and the flight training program, founded in 1998, is looks forward to its 10th year of operation. Both programs have the potential for growth and the College hopes to eventually partner with airlines and/or airplane manufacturers in offering this training to countries that are in 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 look forward to further solidifying the University of Hawai'i's capacity to become a world-class flight training center.