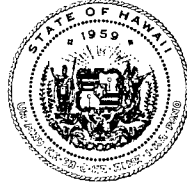


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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

BILL NUMBER: HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53

TITLE: REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS TO COLLABORATE AND COOPERATE TO REACH A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE SOLUTION OVER FIRE INSPECTION RESPONSIBILITIES AT THE HONOLULU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND OTHER STATE AIRPORTS.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: We support the resolution.

COMMENTS: The Department of Transportation (DOT) welcomes the opportunity to meet with the county fire chiefs to work out a mutually satisfactory agreement on the issue of fire inspection responsibilities at state airports.

We are pleased that the resolution acknowledges that DOT presently lacks the training and required staff to conduct fire inspections at our airports.

Nevertheless, we are determined to make every effort to resolve the issue of fire inspection responsibilities at airports. Also, we believe that it is important for DOT to maintain a cordial and cooperative relationship with the county fire departments in the interest of the safety and welfare of the public.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to present our views on the resolution.