

Written Testimony for HB 639 *Aviation Health and Safety Act* (FAV)

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I am writing to express my support for HB 639. This bill would implement common-sense safety measures that the Avelo flight attendants' union has pointed out would reduce the risk of injury and death of restrained passengers. These types of measures are mandated by the FAA for commercial and other flight types, and there is no justification for flights that carry restrained passengers to be exempt from them. Given that these passengers have been taken into custody, there is arguably a higher standard of safety to be met. According to the Avelo union, six incidents between 2014 and 2019 required evacuation—situations in which both passengers and flight crew were needlessly endangered.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.