

Testimony on Senate Bill – Favorable

SB505 Transportation - Aviation - Passenger Health and Safety (Aviation Health and Safety Act)
Finance Committee
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Dear Honorable Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hays, Members of the Committee,

Hailey Jordan offers favorable testimony in support of SB505 Transportation - Aviation - Passenger Health and Safety (Aviation Health and Safety Act)

My name is Hailey Jordan and I live in Baltimore, MD 21217. I am very favorable to this proposed bill. Over the past year, there has been a significant increase in flights transporting detained individuals, alongside deeply concerning reports about conditions on board. Flight attendants have issued public letters describing planes being refueled while detainees remained restrained on the aircraft, despite this being extremely dangerous. Numerous people reported it would have been impossible to evacuate a plane quickly during these flights. There appears to be minimal oversight and inadequate safeguards to protect the health and safety of those being transported. No matter someone's legal status, basic aviation safety standards should apply to every human being on board an aircraft.

This is why we need the Aviation Health and Safety Act, where everyone who is transported must have medical forms indicating allergies, medical conditions, and current medications. Minors must be documented, with information about their guardians if they are unaccompanied. These are not extraordinary measures, but rather basic requirements when overseeing the transportation for a large group of people. The fixed based operator or aviation service company is, in effect, responsible for the wellbeing of all detainees on board, and need to demonstrate they take this responsibility seriously.

I urge the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee to issue a favorable report on SB505 and affirm that no instrument of the government is above upholding safety and human dignity.

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