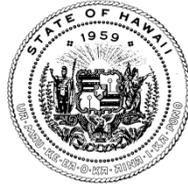


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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DESIGNATE
HONOLULU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AS THE DANIEL K. INOUE
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** this resolution which requests to rename Honolulu International Airport to the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport.

This resolution honors and recognizes the significant accomplishments and contributions of the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye to the State of Hawaii, DOT, Airports Division in developing, managing and maintaining a safe and efficient global air transportation organization which consist of fifteen airports statewide.

As Hawaii's primary airport hub, millions of travelers will be acquainted to the enduring legacy of values, bestowed by the Honorable Daniel K. Inouye as a true American hero and statesman.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



DANIEL K. INOUYE
INSTITUTE

Testimony of the Daniel K. Inouye Institute
in Support of HCR 88, Proposed SD2
Friday, April 21, 2016

Aloha Chairwoman Tokuda and Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Jennifer Sabas and I serve as the Director of the Daniel K. Inouye Institute. On behalf of Mrs. Irene Hirano Inouye and the Institute, we are pleased to support HCR 88 Proposed SD2, "Requesting the Department of Transportation to Designate Honolulu International Airport as the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport."

When Senator Inouye was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1962, the one committee he asked for and was appointed to was the Commerce Committee because of its jurisdiction over maritime and aviation matters. Noncontiguous and isolated, he recognized early on the importance of ensuring safe passage for residents and visitors, as well as the movement of goods and cargo.

A fully functional state airport system, serving all the islands, and connected to the continental United States and beyond was a critical mission Senator Inouye took most seriously during his tenure as Chair of the Commerce Committee and later as Chair of the Appropriations Committee. In the latter role, he worked to ensure that Hawaii got their fair share, if not more, for all areas including investments in the airports throughout Hawaii. From building new air traffic control towers, runways and taxiways, upgrading Transportation Security Administration's facilities and equipment to installing new instrument landing systems, Senator Inouye was a tireless advocate. He viewed each investment as a building block for Hawaii's future.

In so many ways, the story of Dan Inouye is the story of modern Hawaii, and the promise of a hopeful tomorrow. To have the Honolulu Airport bear his name would be an honor. A well-known name in the Asia Pacific region, the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport would serve as a beacon of hope and aloha to beckon those who would come to our shores, and to welcome home all Hawaii residents and those with Hawaii in their hearts.

Thank you for your consideration. We respectfully request your approval of HCR 88 Proposed SD2.

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