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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO MONITOR NOISE
LEVELS OF AIRCRAFT, TO ESTABLISH AN AIRCRAFT NOISE
ABATEMENT MASTER PLAN, AND TO ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY
COMMITTEE.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii bears the burden of nearly fifty per cent
2 of U.S. helicopter tourism; and
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4 WHEREAS, it is impossible to go anywhere, even in federally
5 designated wilderness areas, without being bombarded by the
6 effects of aircraft noise; and
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8 WHEREAS, aircraft noise causes detrimental disturbances to
9 native species in our parks and in wilderness areas, and this
10 noise detracts from the serenity the purpose for which these
11 parks and areas were originally designated: the preservation of
12 nature and the ability to experience nature for park goers; and
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14 WHEREAS, aircraft noise upsetting and intrusive for East
15 Honolulu residents, especially those living near the shoreline
16 and in valleys where the scream of engines and helicopter blades
17 reverberates, especially as helicopter and airplane noise can be
18 heard in East Honolulu as late as 11:00 p.m. and as early as
19 4:00 a.m., which is disruptive to the sleep of people in
20 residential areas; now, therefore,
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
23 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the
24 House of Representatives concurring, it is requested that the
25 Department of Transportation monitor noise levels from airport
26 operations; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department establish an
29 aircraft noise abatement master plan; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department maintain a
2 twenty-four hour noise complaint hot line and website; and
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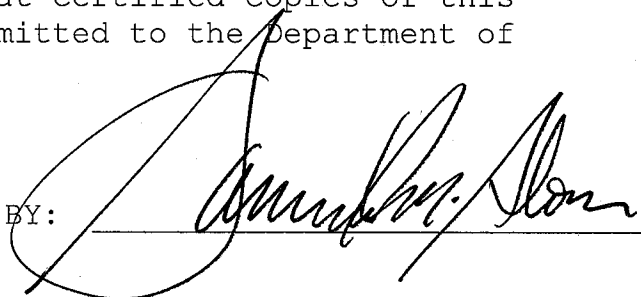
4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department establish a
5 volunteer advisory committee to facilitate the monitoring of
6 noise levels, the creation of a noise abatement master plan, and
7 the setup of the complaint hot line and website; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department and the advisory
10 committee work towards the goal of cessation or restriction of
11 aircraft flights over private property, schools, zoos, parks,
12 and sacred sites, in addition to enforcement that includes
13 denial of future permits for violators; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the advisory committee submit
16 its recommendations, including proposed legislation, to the
17 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
18 the 2010 Regular Session; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Department of
22 Transportation.
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OFFERED BY:

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