
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ESTABLISH A
HAWAII STATE AIRPORT AUTHORITY TASK FORCE TO DETERMINE THE
FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A HAWAII STATE AIRPORT
AUTHORITY.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is an island state that depends heavily
2 upon its harbors and airports for the movement of cargo and
3 persons between islands and to and from the rest of the world;
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6 WHEREAS, with tourism as one of the prime industries of the
7 state, Hawaii's economic sustainability depends on the
8 effectiveness and efficiency of its airport system; and

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10 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation is responsible
11 for the planning, design, construction, operation, and
12 maintenance of state facilities in all modes of transportation,
13 including air, water, and land; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation currently
16 provides, operates, and maintains eleven commercial-service
17 airports and four general-aviation airports, with four of the
18 five major airports serving domestic and international carriers;
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21 WHEREAS, although Hawaii's air transportation planning,
22 management, and development functions, as they relate to the
23 airports owned or controlled by the State, are currently under
24 the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation's Airports
25 Division, other agencies, including the Office of Hawaiian
26 Affairs concerning ceded-lands issues, also play a role in
27 developing, managing, and maintaining a safe and efficient
28 global air-transportation system; and

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30 WHEREAS, a multi-jurisdictional and multi-agency situation
31 with regard to planning and development of airport facilities
32 may result in inefficiencies and conflicts over resources and
33 uses that are difficult to resolve between agencies and may lead



1 to conflicting plans of action among the different agencies to
2 implement differing goals; and

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4 WHEREAS, the economic well-being of the state depends, in
5 part, on the efficient use of its air-transportation resources,
6 which will enhance and complement efforts to revitalize Hawaii's
7 economy, and coordinated planning and development of air
8 transportation within the state would be implemented more
9 effectively by a single entity having overall consolidated
10 jurisdiction; and

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12 WHEREAS, the establishment of a Hawaii State Airport
13 Authority may have advantages that include providing an
14 appropriate forum for all affected interests; increasing
15 efficiency in land-utilization and related lease processes;
16 streamlining administrative processes; making possible more
17 responsive planning; increasing financial flexibility; and
18 increasing responsiveness to customer needs and economic
19 demands; and

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21 WHEREAS, the establishment of a Hawaii State Airport
22 Authority may also assist the State in achieving important
23 statewide objectives, including increased security for the
24 state; improved administrative efficiency of Hawaii's airports
25 system; and improved coordination of environmental issues
26 affecting the State's airports, particularly relating to alien
27 invasive species; and

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29 WHEREAS, the rational allocation and administration of
30 scarce and increasingly valuable airport resources in the state
31 through the establishment of a Hawaii State Airport Authority
32 may be vital to the well-being of the people and economy of the
33 State; now, therefore,

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35 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
36 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
37 of 2012, that the Department of Transportation is requested to
38 establish the Hawaii State Airport Authority Task Force (Task
39 Force) to determine the feasibility of establishing a Hawaii
40 State Airport Authority; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force include but not
2 be limited to the following members:

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- 4 (1) The Director of Transportation or the Director's
5 designee;
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- 7 (2) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
8 Resources or the Chairperson's designee;
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- 10 (3) The Director of Health or the Director's designee;
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- 12 (4) The Adjutant General or the Adjutant General's
13 designee;
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- 15 (5) The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office
16 of Hawaiian Affairs or the Chairperson's designee;
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- 18 (6) The Director of Business, Economic Development, and
19 Tourism or the Director's designee;
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- 21 (7) Two members from a list of nominees submitted by the
22 President of the Senate;
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- 24 (8) Two members from a list of nominees submitted by the
25 Speaker of the House of Representatives;
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- 27 (9) Four members, one each representing each of the
28 counties;
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- 30 (10) Representatives of the following federal departments
31 or agencies, who are requested to assist the Task
32 Force:
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 - 34 (A) The United States Department of Defense;
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 - 36 (B) The United States Department of Homeland
37 Security;
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 - 39 (C) The United States Environmental Protection
40 Agency; and
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- 1 (D) The Federal Aviation Administration;
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- 3 (11) Representatives of labor organizations in Hawaii,
- 4 including the Hawaii Government Employees Association,
- 5 United Public Workers, and International Longshore and
- 6 Warehouse Union;
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- 8 (12) Representatives from Hawaii's environmental community;
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- 11 (13) Other interested public or private stakeholders whom
- 12 the Governor believes will be of assistance to the
- 13 functions of the Task Force, including members having
- 14 extensive knowledge, expertise, or experience in such
- 15 areas as economics, finance, development, maritime
- 16 issues, land-transportation issues, airport-planning
- 17 issues, planning, labor, and related areas;
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to

22 accomplish the following tasks at least 20 days prior to the

23 convening of the Regular Session of 2013:

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- 25 (1) Study the respective missions and roles of the
- 26 affected departments and agencies with respect to air
- 27 transportation and airports in the state to determine
- 28 which existing departmental missions and roles can be
- 29 eliminated and which are legitimate, necessary, and
- 30 must be preserved, either intact or modified, in the
- 31 Hawaii State Airport Authority;
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- 33 (2) Determine and define which new missions and roles, if
- 34 any, need to be created for the Hawaii State Airport
- 35 Authority;
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- 37 (3) Determine which departmental agencies and programs
- 38 must be preserved intact or modified to carry out the
- 39 new missions and roles as determined in paragraph (2),
- 40 by designing a new organizational structure for the
- 41 Hawaii State Airport Authority;



- 1 (4) Determine what policies need to be newly established,
2 modified, or eliminated to guide the new Hawaii State
3 Airport Authority;
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5 (5) Develop new duties, responsibilities, and powers of
6 the new Hawaii State Airport Authority;
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8 (6) Ensure that no federal mandates, requirements, laws,
9 or rules are violated and that no federal funding is
10 jeopardized by the consolidation;
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12 (7) Provide for the establishment of a Hawaii State
13 Airport Authority Fund;
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15 (8) Provide for the imposition of fees to be assessed for
16 arriving or departing passengers on vessels at the
17 State's airports, to be used to fund infrastructure
18 improvements;
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20 (9) Address civil-service issues and ensure that no
21 current personnel are terminated by appropriate
22 placements or transfers or other means;
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24 (10) Address and resolve all other relevant public policy
25 issues and objectives affecting the establishment of
26 an Hawaii State Airport Authority, including those
27 relating to enhancing security; protecting the
28 environment; improving government efficiency; ensuring
29 effective enforcement; and resolving all other
30 appropriate federal, state, and county issues; and
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32 (11) Draft necessary proposed legislation to implement the
33 operation of the Hawaii State Airport Authority;

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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to
38 perform its duties guided by the following principles:

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40 (1) Providing user-friendly services;
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- 1 (2) Using best practices in management and operations;
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- 3 (3) Using economies of scale;
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- 5 (4) Eliminating duplicative or outmoded functions and
- 6 activities;
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- 8 (5) Enhancing productivity;
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- 10 (6) Eliminating unnecessary regulation;
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- 12 (7) Redesigning processes to increase efficiency, cut
- 13 costs, and reduce public inconvenience; and
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- 15 (8) Realizing significant long-term savings;
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to
20 submit to the Legislature and Governor:

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- 22 (1) An interim report on its progress no later than
- 23 October 31, 2012; and
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- 25 (2) A final report, including necessary proposed
- 26 legislation to transfer the functions, powers, duties,
- 27 lands, personal property, and personnel at least 20
- 28 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
- 29 2013;
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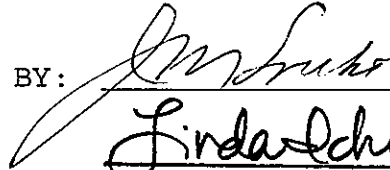
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Resolution be transmitted to the Directors of Transportation,
35 Health, and Business, Economic Development, and Tourism;
36 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources; the
37 Adjutant General; Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the
38 Office of Hawaiian Affairs; United States Secretary of Defense;
39 United States Secretary of Homeland Security; Administrator of
40 the United States Environmental Protection Agency; Administrator
41 of the Federal Aviation Administration; Executive Director of




1 the Hawaii Government Employees Association; State Director of
2 the United Public Workers; and President of the International
3 Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 142.

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