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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF AEROSPACE DEVELOPMENT TO COORDINATE COMMENTS AND IDENTIFY A LEAD ENTITY TO PREPARE A PROPOSAL, ON BEHALF OF THE STATE, FOR HAWAII TO BE SELECTED AS ONE OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION'S SIX UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM TEST SITES.

1 WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration Modernization
2 and Reform Act of 2012 and the National Defense Authorization
3 Act for Fiscal Year 2012 require the Federal Aviation
4 Administration to establish six unmanned aircraft system test
5 sites; and

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7 WHEREAS, this effort will also provide critical data
8 necessary for establishing flight operations, certification
9 standards, regulatory standards, and air traffic requirements to
10 ensure safe operations for public and private unmanned aircraft
11 systems; and

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13 WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration has recently
14 initiated a search for the six unmanned aircraft system test
15 sites in the United States; and

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17 WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration, in docket
18 number FAA-2012-0252, announced a sixty-day period, expiring May
19 8, 2012, for soliciting public comments for purposes of refining
20 test site requirements, designation standards, and oversight
21 activities; and

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23 WHEREAS, after the comment process is completed, the
24 Federal Aviation Administration will issue a request for
25 proposals to develop unmanned aircraft system test sites; and

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27 WHEREAS, the selection of Hawaii as a national unmanned
28 aircraft system test site would establish the State as a
29 nationally recognized center of excellence for the development
30 and testing of advanced aviation technologies, create high-
31 paying jobs, and generate extramural revenue streams to the
32 State; now, therefore,



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 2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
 3 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012,
 4 that the Director of the Office of Aerospace Development, in
 5 consultation with the Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee, is
 6 requested to coordinate comments from interested parties and
 7 identify a lead entity to prepare a proposal, on behalf of the
 8 State, to the Federal Aviation Administration for Hawaii to be
 9 selected as an unmanned aircraft system test site; and

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 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 12 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; the Director of the
 13 Office of Aerospace Development; the Director of Business,
 14 Economic Development, and Tourism; the President of the
 15 University of Hawaii; the Adjutant General; the Commander of the
 16 United States Pacific Command; the Commander of the United
 17 States Pacific Fleet; the Commander of the Pacific Air Forces;
 18 the Commander of the United States Army Pacific; the Commander
 19 of the Marines Forces Pacific; the Administrator of the National
 20 Aeronautics and Space Administration; and the Director of the
 21 Federal Aviation Administration.

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