
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING ALL AIR CARRIERS THAT FLY INTERISLAND ROUTES IN
HAWAII TO WAIVE ANY BAGGAGE FEE FOR A PASSENGER'S FIRST
CHECKED BAG ON AN INTERISLAND FLIGHT.

1 WHEREAS, ensuring the safety of passengers who travel by
2 air is critically important; and

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4 WHEREAS, to help pay for providing security services, the
5 federal Transportation Security Administration has implemented
6 security fees approved by Congress; and

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8 WHEREAS, making air travel as affordable as possible is
9 also important; and

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11 WHEREAS, some air carriers have begun charging passengers a
12 fee for each piece of checked baggage; and

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14 WHEREAS, at the same time rising fuel costs have
15 contributed to higher airfares; and

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17 WHEREAS, the combination of higher fares and security and
18 baggage fees has drastically increased the cost of interisland
19 travel for many Hawaii residents and visitors; and

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21 WHEREAS, flying is the only practical way for most
22 passengers to travel among the islands to visit family and
23 friends, conduct business, pursue educational opportunities, and
24 enjoy all that Hawaii has to offer; and

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26 WHEREAS, charging passengers for each piece of checked
27 baggage could discourage interisland travel and make it
28 prohibitively expensive for some passengers; and
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1 WHEREAS, it is reasonable to allow each air passenger to
 2 bring one piece of checked baggage without charging an
 3 additional fee; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 6 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 7 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that all air carriers
 8 flying interisland routes in the State of Hawaii are urged to
 9 waive or refrain from imposing and collecting any fee for a
 10 passenger's first piece of checked baggage on any flight between
 11 islands in Hawaii; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
 15 Transportation for distribution to all air carriers flying
 16 interisland routes in the State of Hawaii.
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