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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY REGARDING THE FEASIBILITY AND COST OF CONSTRUCTING A SMALL COMMERCIAL BOAT HARBOR AND SMALL COMMERCIAL AIRPORT IN SOUTH PUNA.

1           WHEREAS, Puna, on the Island of Hawaii, is an incredibly  
2 large district that is approximately the same size as the island  
3 of Kauai; and

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5           WHEREAS, Puna has the fastest growing population in the  
6 County of Hawaii; and

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8           WHEREAS, Puna, located near the Hawaii Volcanoes National  
9 Park, is a popular tourist attraction and destination for  
10 ecotourism and personal development opportunities; and

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12           WHEREAS, many people in Puna will be cut off from supplies  
13 and services as a result of the lava threatening to cross  
14 Highway 130; and

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16           WHEREAS, in the Puna area, there are very few places to  
17 access the coast safely due to the jagged cliffs, and road  
18 infrastructure cannot be developed due to the extensive network  
19 of lava tubes; and

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21           WHEREAS, the Puna coast has the Pohoiki boat ramp, however,  
22 the ramp is not large enough to support commercial activity; and

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24           WHEREAS, Hilo Harbor is the closest commercial harbor to  
25 Puna; and

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27           WHEREAS, the closest commercial airport to Puna is Hilo  
28 Airport, a roundtrip that takes approximately six to eight hours  
29 to complete; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation Harbors Division,  
 2 is responsible for the planning, design, construction,  
 3 operation, and maintenance of state facilities for all modes of  
 4 water transportation; and

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 6 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation Airports  
 7 Division, is responsible for the development, management, and  
 8 maintenance of the State's global air transportation  
 9 organization; now, therefore,

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 11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth  
 12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the  
 13 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
 14 Transportation is requested to conduct a study regarding the  
 15 feasibility and cost of constructing a small commercial boat  
 16 harbor and small commercial airport in south Puna; and

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 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of  
 19 Transportation report its findings and recommendations,  
 20 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later  
 21 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
 22 of 2016; and

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 24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
 25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of  
 26 Transportation.

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