
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE AIRPORTS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES
REGARDING STATE AIRPORT PROPERTIES.

1 WHEREAS, the Airports Division of the Department of
2 Transportation leases unused areas of airports to local
3 residents and businesses; and

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5 WHEREAS, the local residents and businesses that lease
6 these areas contribute to the state economy through their
7 activities and through the payment of rent; and

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9 WHEREAS, while reasonable rent increases with time are
10 understandable and accepted business practices, excessive
11 increases can chill business and force lessees to either break
12 or not renew their leases; and

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14 WHEREAS, some of the lessees at John Rodgers Field, also
15 known as Kalaeloa Airport, have recently been told to expect
16 rent increases of up to four hundred thirty-nine per cent; and

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18 WHEREAS, the drastic increases to rent came as a surprise
19 to many lessees at John Rodgers Field, and the lessees have not
20 had opportunities to understand the causes of the rent
21 increases, express concerns, or negotiate for a reasonable
22 increase; and

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24 WHEREAS, the Kalaeloa Airport Master Plan, published by the
25 Department of Transportation in November 1998, recommended that
26 the Kalaeloa Airport provide facilities to the University of
27 Hawaii for aviation training; and

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29 WHEREAS, although Hangar 111 and approximately two acres of
30 paved parking at Kalaeloa Airport were transferred to the



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1 University of Hawaii for aviation training, the University no
2 longer utilizes Hangar 111 for aviation training; and

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4 WHEREAS, general aviators could utilize Hangar 111; and

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6 WHEREAS, this session, the Department of Transportation
7 failed to timely submit its report regarding fee and rate
8 increases to the Legislature as required by section 261-7(e),
9 Hawaii Revised Statutes; now, therefore,

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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
12 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
13 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Airports
14 Division of the Department of Transportation is urged to conduct
15 public meetings for all concerned citizens to express their
16 concerns prior to increasing the rent on any existing lease by
17 an amount of more than ten per cent a year; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Airports Division of the
20 Department of Transportation is urged to explore creative
21 solutions to accommodate current lessees who are facing rent
22 increases of more than ten per cent a year; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Airports Division of the
25 Department of Transportation is requested to offer lease terms
26 of thirty years to promote predictability and stability; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is
29 urged to relinquish Hangar 111 so that general aviators may be
30 able to lease it; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
34 Transportation, the Airports Division of the Department of
35 Transportation, and the President and Chairperson of the Board
36 of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

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