
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A DRONE POLICY TASK FORCE AND RECOMMEND A STATEWIDE POLICY FOR UNMANNED AIRCRAFT THAT PROTECTS PRIVACY AND ALLOWS THE USE OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE APPLICATIONS.

1 WHEREAS, civilian use of unmanned aerial vehicles or
2 unmanned aircraft systems, more popularly known as "drones", is
3 on the rise; and
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5 WHEREAS, drones have many potentially useful and life-
6 saving applications, both commercial and non-commercial, and
7 these uses include: emergency search and rescue operations;
8 fighting forest fires; helping farmers apply fertilizer and
9 pesticides in a more targeted manner; invasive species detection
10 and control; watershed management; earthquake and tsunami damage
11 assessment and relief operations; motor vehicle traffic
12 management; lava flow monitoring; aerial photography and
13 videography; land use surveys; and geographical, geological, and
14 archaeological surveys; and
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16 WHEREAS, it is foreseeable that in developing these
17 applications, many research, education, and business
18 opportunities will arise, and so will the need for common-sense
19 regulation, to complement any emerging federal regulation and
20 safely integrate unmanned aircraft systems into the State's
21 airspace while protecting privacy rights, while involving the
22 public in decision-making, and resolving conflicts that may
23 arise; now, therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
27 Session of 2015, that this body hereby requests the state
28 Department of Transportation to convene a Hawaii Drone Policy
29 Task Force (Task Force); and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force shall be
2 comprised of:

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- 4 (1) The Director of Transportation or the Director's
5 designee;
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- 7 (2) The Director of Business, Economic Development, and
8 Tourism or the Director's designee;
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- 10 (3) The Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs or the
11 Director's designee;
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- 13 (4) The Adjutant General or the Adjutant General's
14 designee;
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- 16 (5) The Attorney General or the Attorney General's
17 designee; and
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- 19 (6) At least one resident of each county who has a
20 background in aviation, privacy law, or civil
21 liberties law; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Transportation
24 shall serve as Chairperson of the Task Force; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to
27 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
28 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
29 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
30 2016; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report include:

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- 34 (1) An analysis of the regulations and guidance from the
35 Federal Aviation Administration regarding unmanned
36 aircraft systems;
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- 38 (2) An analysis of the Federal Aviation Administration's
39 "Integration of Civil Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)
40 in the National Airspace System (NAS) Roadmap," report



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1 issued November 7, 2013, and its application to the
2 development of unmanned aircraft systems in the State;

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4 (3) Written recommendations for a comprehensive state
5 policy for unmanned aircraft that protects privacy and
6 ensures public safety, while allowing the use of
7 unmanned aircraft systems for public and private
8 applications; and
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10 (4) Recommendations, if any, for proposed legislation; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation,
14 Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism,
15 Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Adjutant General,
16 Attorney General, and respective Mayors of the County of Maui,
17 County of Kauai, City and County of Honolulu, and County of
18 Hawaii.
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