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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REVIEW, REVISE,
AND UPDATE PLANS FOR THE DANIEL K. INOUE HONOLULU
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO PREPARE FOR FUTURE PANDEMICS,
PRIORITIZE USER EXPERIENCES, ESTABLISH A HAWAII SENSE OF
PLACE, INCORPORATE GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS, AND MODERNIZE
HAWAII'S LARGEST AIRPORT.

1 WHEREAS, in 2019, approximately ten million residents and
2 visitors passed through the Daniel K. Inouye Honolulu
3 International Airport; and
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5 WHEREAS, Honolulu's largest airport serves as the very
6 first gateway to the United States for countless travelers from
7 East Asia and from around the Pacific Rim; and
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9 WHEREAS, the airport also serves as the first introduction
10 to Hawaii for visitors who often expect to arrive in a Pacific
11 island paradise; and
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13 WHEREAS, current infrastructure at the Daniel K. Inouye
14 Honolulu International Airport is a patchwork of different
15 architectural styles and functional designs dating back to
16 statehood; and
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18 WHEREAS, residents and visitors frequently comment on the
19 airport's concrete terminals, claustrophobic bagging areas, dark
20 curbside pickup areas, and unpleasant views of surrounding
21 industrial areas; and
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23 WHEREAS, due to the patchwork construction of airport
24 facilities over many years, navigating the airport experience,
25 from its start at the freeway offramp to its culmination at the
26 airline gate, is often unintuitive and disjointed; and
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28 WHEREAS, in spite of these challenges, the best parts of
29 the airport experience, as commonly cited by residents and



1 visitors, are the open-air atmosphere of certain portions of the
2 airport and, above all, the open and lush gardens and vegetation
3 in some areas that help to create a relaxed, Hawaii sense of
4 place; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has made
7 significant efforts to begin improving the Daniel K. Inouye
8 Honolulu International Airport, including modernizing restrooms,
9 constructing a new mauka concourse, consolidating rental car
10 facilities, and beginning the process of planning a new Diamond
11 Head terminal to add capacity; and

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13 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation also recently
14 undertook commendable emergency work to rapidly deploy plans and
15 take action to screen passengers at the Daniel K. Inouye
16 Honolulu International Airport during the coronavirus disease
17 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation expects to
20 commence billions of dollars in renovations and new projects at
21 the Daniel K. Inouye Honolulu International Airport once the
22 impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic are resolved and the situation
23 has sufficiently stabilized; and

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25 WHEREAS, until that time, there is an opportunity to
26 reassess future airport plans and priorities to incorporate
27 lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic and to address
28 longstanding issues that have impacted resident and visitor
29 experiences at the Daniel K. Inouye Honolulu International
30 Airport; now, therefore,

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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
33 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the
34 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
35 Transportation is requested to review, revise, and update plans
36 for the Daniel K. Inouye Honolulu International Airport; and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the update of airport plans
39 should:

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41 (1) Prepare to address future pandemics;



- 1 (2) Prioritize resident and visitor experiences;
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- 3 (3) Establish a Hawaii sense of place that maximizes
- 4 comfortable, open-air design and expands upon the lush
- 5 gardens, palm trees, and vegetation commonly cited as
- 6 the best part of the Daniel K. Inouye Honolulu
- 7 International Airport experience;
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- 9 (4) Be of architectural significance and cultural
- 10 relevance to Hawaii;
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- 12 (5) Include expanded art exhibits, cultural references,
- 13 and narrative storytelling;
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- 15 (6) Incorporate modern, green building standards and
- 16 address climate change considerations;
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- 18 (7) Update and align airport sustainability goals with the
- 19 sustainable development goals of Hawaii and the United
- 20 Nations; and
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- 22 (8) Address the airport as a whole, which may be done in
- 23 phases, so as not to perpetuate disjointed planning
- 24 and design; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
27 Transportation is requested to involve in the planning process:

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- 29 (1) Experts having a history of architectural significance
- 30 in the State;
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- 32 (2) Experts having a history of significance in the State
- 33 for landscape design;
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- 35 (3) Experts having a history in green building standards
- 36 and practices;
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- 38 (4) Experts who are knowledgeable about incorporating
- 39 educational programming into the planning and design
- 40 process;
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1 (5) The Chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation;
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4 (6) The Chair of the House Committee on Transportation;
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and
9 Director of Transportation.

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OFFERED BY: _____

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