
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AIRFIELDS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Kawaihapai Airfield,
2 or Dillingham Airfield, has been a vital economic and tourism
3 contributor to the economy of Oahu's north shore. In 2019, the
4 airfield had 33,805 aircraft operations, more than Kapalua,
5 Lanai, and Kalaupapa regional airports combined. The
6 legislature further finds that the small business tenants at
7 Kawaihapai Airfield generate over \$12,000,000 in yearly revenues
8 and employ over one hundred and thirty people, which include
9 flight instructors, pilots, aircraft maintenance personnel, tour
10 operators, office staff, and more.

11 The legislature also finds that Kawaihapai Airfield is
12 recognized around the world as a premier recreational skydiving
13 and gliding destination. For example, the Travel Channel listed
14 Kawaihapai Airfield as one of the best places in the world to
15 skydive. The travel website TripAdvisor recognized Paradise Air
16 Hang Gliding, a tenant at Kawaihapai Airfield, as one of the top
17 ten per cent of attractions worldwide.



1 The legislature finds that the department of transportation
2 leases Kawaihapai Airfield from the United States Department of
3 the Army. The department of transportation has announced that
4 it plans to exercise the early termination provision of its
5 lease agreement with the U.S. Army as of June 30, 2021, despite
6 the fact that the current lease runs until July 5, 2024.

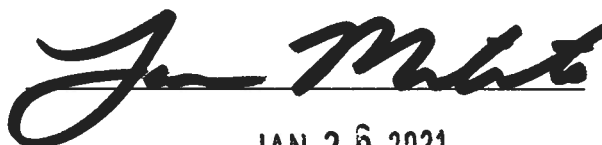
7 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
8 transportation to allow the lease to continue and refrain from
9 exercising the early termination provision.

10 SECTION 2. The department of transportation shall allow
11 its agreement with the United States Department of the Army,
12 entitled Supplemental Agreement No. 4 to Department of the Army
13 Lease No. DACA84-1-09-135 to expire on the agreed upon date of
14 July 5, 2024, and shall not terminate the agreement prior to
15 July 5, 2024.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Dillingham Airfield; Kawaihapai Airfield; Department of Transportation; Lease; Early Termination; U.S. Army

Description:

Requires the Department of Transportation to allow its lease with the U.S. Department of the Army to expire on its agreed upon termination date and to not terminate the agreement prior to that date.

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