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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY  
ON THE FEASIBILITY OF BRINGING OTHER AIRLINES TO THE  
MOLOKAI AIRPORT.

1           WHEREAS, since January 2021, only one passenger airline has  
2 provided service to the general public out of Molokai Airport;  
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5           WHEREAS, while the airline has done its best to accommodate  
6 the needs of passengers, including additional routes, flight  
7 times, and ordering larger planes, the cost of plane tickets  
8 remains prohibitive to many Molokai residents who need to travel  
9 for essential reasons, including work, medical appointments, and  
10 family; and

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12           WHEREAS, in addition to costly ticket prices and limited  
13 flights, there are significant flight delays and cancellations  
14 that have caused undue burdens on Molokai residents; and

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16           WHEREAS, this lack of dependable, accessible flights to  
17 major hubs such as Honolulu can potentially lead to health and  
18 safety issues for residents of rural communities; now,  
19 therefore,

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21           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the  
23 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
24 Transportation is requested to study the feasibility of bringing  
25 additional airlines to the island of Molokai; and

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27           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of  
28 Transportation is requested to submit a report of its findings  
29 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
30 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
31 the Regular Session of 2025; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of  
3 Transportation.  
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OFFERED BY:

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