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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION TO WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ESTABLISH NOISE SENSITIVE OPERATING PROCEDURES AND AIR TRAFFIC PATTERNS TO REDUCE AND CONTROL AIRCRAFT NOISE IMPACTS.

1 WHEREAS, Federal Aviation Administration Air Traffic
2 Control Centers control aircraft departures and arrivals in the
3 State of Hawaii and communicate directly with aircraft operators
4 in the vicinity of state airports; and
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6 WHEREAS, the health, welfare, and quality of life of
7 Hawaii's citizens are significantly affected by frequent
8 exposure to aircraft noise impacts from commercial jet aircraft
9 and tour helicopter flight paths close to and over urban
10 populations on the islands of Hawaii; and
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12 WHEREAS, the State Department of Transportation (DOT)
13 confirms that it is willing to work with community interest
14 groups to address aircraft noise impacts affecting communities
15 in the vicinity of State airports, and to develop, for
16 consideration by the Federal Aviation Administration, suggested
17 changes to operational areas under DOT's control; and
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19 WHEREAS, citizens on the ground under and adjacent to
20 arbitrary aircraft flight paths experience aircraft noise
21 impacts that interfere with their daily lives at all hours of
22 the day and night; and
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24 WHEREAS, the citizens of the State have the
25 constitutionally protected right to quiet enjoyment of their
26 homes; and
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28 WHEREAS, comprehensive national research and existing local
29 evidence discloses that aircraft noise impacts cause a multitude
30 of negative consequences and health risks, including loss of
31 sleep, interruption of speech, and mental stress; and



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WHEREAS, aircraft noise impacts are also similarly detrimental to the valued experience and enjoyment of Hawaii's natural and recreational resources by residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, community reaction and opposition to continuing commercial jet aircraft and tour helicopter noise impacts over residential and recreation areas during the past two decades is evidence of the fact that the community warrants public protection from these impacts as these aviation uses increase; and

WHEREAS, old Stage II aircraft technology is banned from all states except Hawaii and Alaska, and in some states, several noise-critical Stage III models are restricted to certain daytime hours; and

WHEREAS, there is no process for the verification of records that tour helicopters operate in compliance with Federal Aviation Administration (SFAR) No. 71, which establishes certain procedural and operational requirements for air tour operators in the State of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) climb procedures and continuous descent approach (CDA) procedures are proven effective aircraft noise abatement controls; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Federal Aviation Administration is urged to do everything within its authority in the State of Hawaii to fully implement aircraft noise abatement procedures and practices in the public interest; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federal Aviation Administration and its air traffic control centers are requested to work with the State Department of Transportation and community representatives to establish aircraft operating procedures and air traffic patterns to reduce and control the effect of aircraft noise impact on communities within the proximity of airports and aircraft flight paths; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that
2 aircraft operating procedures and air traffic patterns reduce
3 and control the effect of aircraft noise impact on communities
4 within the proximity of airports and aircraft flight paths
5 include, but not be limited to, the following:

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- 7 (1) Effective noise abatement departure profiles combined
- 8 with preferential runway use selections and flight
- 9 path techniques;
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- 11 (2) Effective noise abatement departure and arrival flight
- 12 paths vectored over water; and
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- 14 (3) Effective noise abatement altitudes and climb and
- 15 descent procedures for commercial jet aircraft; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federal Aviation
18 Administration is requested to work with the Department of
19 Transportation to establish a process for recorded verification
20 that tour helicopters operate in compliance with Federal
21 Aviation Administration SFAR No. 71, and Special Operating Rules
22 for Air Tour Operators in the State of Hawaii, Section 6(a) and
23 (b); and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Federal Aviation
27 Administration, the Honolulu Flight Standards District Office,
28 the Honolulu Air Traffic Control Center, and the Department of
29 Transportation.

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