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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 confirms
13 that it is willing to work with community interest groups to
14 address aircraft noise impacts affecting communities in the
15 vicinity of state airports, and to develop, for consideration by
16 the Federal Aviation Administration, suggested changes to
17 operational areas under the Department's control; and
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19 WHEREAS, residents 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, residents of the State have the right to quiet
25 enjoyment of their homes; and
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27 WHEREAS, comprehensive national research and existing local
28 evidence disclose that aircraft noise impacts cause a multitude
29 of negative consequences and health risks, including loss of
30 sleep, interruption of speech, and mental stress; and
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1 WHEREAS, aircraft noise impacts are also detrimental to the
2 valued experience and enjoyment of Hawaii's natural and
3 recreational resources by residents and visitors alike; and
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5 WHEREAS, community reaction and opposition to continuing
6 commercial jet aircraft and tour helicopter noise impacts over
7 residential and recreation areas during the past two decades is
8 evidence of the fact that the community warrants public
9 protection from these impacts as these aviation uses increase;
10 and
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12 WHEREAS, old Stage II aircraft technology is banned from
13 all states except Hawaii and Alaska, and in some states, several
14 noise-critical Stage III models are restricted to certain
15 daytime hours; and
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17 WHEREAS, there is no process for the verification of
18 records that tour helicopters operate in compliance with the
19 Federal Aviation Administration's Special Federal Aviation
20 Regulation No. 71, which establishes certain procedural and
21 operational requirements for air tour operators in the State of
22 Hawaii; and
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24 WHEREAS, International Civil Aviation Organization climb
25 procedures and continuous descent approach procedures are proven
26 effective aircraft noise abatement controls; now, therefore,
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
29 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
30 House of Representatives concurring, that the Federal Aviation
31 Administration is urged to do everything within its authority in
32 the State of Hawaii to fully implement aircraft noise abatement
33 procedures and practices in the public interest; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federal Aviation
36 Administration and its air traffic control centers are requested
37 to work with the state Department of Transportation and
38 community representatives to establish aircraft operating
39 procedures and air traffic patterns to reduce and control the
40 effect of aircraft noise impact on communities within the
41 proximity of airports and aircraft flight paths in the State;
42 and
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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 to
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 state Department of
19 Transportation to establish a process for recorded verification
20 that tour helicopters operate in compliance with Special Federal
21 Aviation Regulation No. 71, and Special Operating Rules for Air
22 Tour Operators in the State of Hawaii, Sections 6(a) and (b);
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Administrator of the
27 Federal Aviation Administration, the Honolulu Flight Standards
28 District Office, the Honolulu Air Traffic Control Center, the
29 Director of Transportation, and the members of Hawaii's
30 congressional delegation.

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