

MAR 13 2009

SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE MANAGEMENT OF HAWAIIAN AIRLINES AND THE AIR LINE PILOTS ASSOCIATION TO SWIFTLY NEGOTIATE A FAIR AND REASONABLE NEW LABOR CONTRACT.

1 WHEREAS, contract renegotiations between the pilots of
2 Hawaiian Airlines represented by the Air Line Pilots
3 Association, International and the management of Hawaiian
4 Airlines for an expired June 1, 2007, contract has been on-going
5 for more than two years; and

6 WHEREAS, the more than four hundred Hawaiian Airlines
7 pilots have been working under concessionary contract terms,
8 both in and out of bankruptcy, for almost ten years and have
9 consistently sacrificed pay, retirement, work rules, and quality
10 of life to assist Hawaiian Airlines and its passengers whenever
11 they were called upon to do so; and

12 WHEREAS, Hawaiian Airlines has been consistently profitable
13 since 2004, even while in bankruptcy and when other airlines
14 have gone out of business; and

15 WHEREAS, the management of Hawaiian Airlines has refused to
16 negotiate reasonable contract terms with the pilots association
17 to enable pilots to receive compensation comparable to their
18 peers in the airline industry, even while Hawaiian Airlines has
19 plans to spend \$4,000,000,000 for new aircraft; and

20 WHEREAS, the failure to reach a quick and amicable
21 agreement can affect the tourism and transportation industries
22 two of the most vital components of the State's economy, and any
23 potential strike or labor dispute involving Hawaiian Airlines
24 could severely damage both industries and deepen the State's
25 recession; now, therefore,

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009,
28 that the management of Hawaiian Airlines and the Air Line Pilots
29 Association, International are urged to do everything in their



1 power to swiftly negotiate a fair and reasonable new contract
2 that includes meaningful pay raises and other compensation for
3 pilots, while recognizing Hawaiian Airline's need to remain
4 competitive and financially viable; and
5

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the management of Hawaiian
7 Airlines and the Air Line Pilots Association, International are
8 urged to recognize that peaceful resolution of disputes between
9 labor and management should be the preferred goal of all
10 unionized employers and employees in Hawaii; and
11

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the management of Hawaiian
13 Airlines and Air Line Pilots Association, International are
14 urged to strive to achieve this goal; and
15

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Resolution be transmitted to the President and Chief Executive
18 Officer of Hawaiian Airlines and the President of the Air Line
19 Pilots Association, International.
20
21
22

OFFERED BY: John K.

