H.C.R. NO. 141

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF HAWAIIAN AIRLINES TO PROVIDE AIRLINE SERVICE TO HANEDA AIRPORT IN TOKYO, JAPAN.

WHEREAS, Hawaii's breathtaking natural beauty, evident on 1 very distinct and unique islands throughout the archipelago, 2 make it an ideal destination for millions of visitors every 3 4 year; and 5 WHEREAS, one of Hawaii's most unique features lies not in 6 7 its natural beauty but rather in the beauty and warmth of its people exhibited by the Aloha Spirit; and 8 9 WHEREAS, the beauty of the Hawaiian islands and her people 10 not only attract visitors from the continental United States but 11 from all over the globe; and 12 13 WHEREAS, because of its location and strong ethnic and 14 cultural ties to Japan, with a large portion of Hawaii's local 15 population being of Japanese ancestry, Hawaii has become the 16 preferred travel and most visited overseas destination for 17 residents of Japan; and 18 19 WHEREAS, Japanese visitors are vital to the prosperity of 20 Hawaii's number one industry, tourism, and contribute nearly \$2 21 billion dollars annually to Hawaii's economy; and 22 23 WHEREAS, Hawaiian Airlines has been a major contributor to 24 the tourism industry for decades and continues that tradition 25 today, transporting over one million visitors to the state each 26 27 year; and 28 WHEREAS, Hawaiian Airlines is currently applying to the 29 30 United States Department of Transportation to provide air carrier service to Haneda Airport in Tokyo, Japan; and 31



WHEREAS, as Hawaiian Airlines for the past 80 years has 1 2 done much to promote Hawaii as a premier travel destination, the entrance of Hawaiian Airlines into the Japanese market, in 3 addition to its current service to Australia and the 4 5 Philippines, will bolster Hawaii's position as a key player in the Asia-Pacific region; and 6 7 WHEREAS, not only will awarding the landing rights to 8 9 Haneda Airport to Hawaiian Airlines produce great benefits for 10 consumers by providing greater flight options and competition for travel to and from Japan, it would also be beneficial to 11 Hawaii's economy by increasing convenience and access to Hawaii 12 13 for millions of Japanese travelers living near Tokyo; and 14 15 WHEREAS, Hawaiian Airlines' entrance into the Japanese market would not only be greatly beneficial to Hawaii but also 16 to the ten U.S. cities Hawaiian serves in the Western United 17 18 States; and 19 20 WHEREAS, the success of Hawaiian Airlines in expanding 21 their market also plays a pivotal role in the growth and 22 prosperity experienced by the State of Hawaii and its people; 23 now, therefore, 24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 25 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 26 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that this body supports the 27 28 application of Hawaiian Airlines to the United States Department 29 of Transportation for airline service to Haneda Airport in 30 Tokyo, Japan; and 31 32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Department of 33 Transportation is urged to approve the application of Hawaiian 34 Airlines; and 35 36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 37 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the United States Secretary of Transportation, United States Department of 38 39 Transportation, and the President of Hawaiian Airlines. 40 41 42 nalm OFFERED BY:



Page 3

H.C.R. NO. 141

211 MAR 0 3 2010