
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM
DIMENSIONS FOR PASSENGER SEATS ON AIRCRAFT.

1 WHEREAS, the average legroom for airline passenger seats
2 has shrunk from about thirty-five inches in the 1970s to nearly
3 thirty-one inches today, with seat width narrowing from eighteen
4 and one-half inches in the 1990s to about seventeen inches
5 today; and

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7 WHEREAS, the federal government does not impose a minimum
8 passenger seat size and the airline industry opposes any seat
9 standard; and

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11 WHEREAS, the decrease in the size of airline passenger
12 seats, coupled with the growing problem of obesity in America,
13 may pose threats to the safety and health of passengers during
14 situations such as an emergency evacuation; and

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16 WHEREAS, wider seat dimensions for commercial flights
17 promote not only safety and health but comfort as well; now,
18 therefore,

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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
21 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
22 Session of 2016, that the Secretary of Transportation is
23 requested to establish minimum dimensions for passenger seats on
24 aircraft operated by any air carrier in the provision of
25 interstate air transportation or intrastate air transportation;
26 and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
29 Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of Transportation and
30 Hawaii's congressional delegation.



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