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SENATE CONCURRENT 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 Senate of the Twenty-eighth
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the
22 House of Representatives concurring, that the Secretary of
23 Transportation is requested to establish minimum dimensions for
24 passenger seats on aircraft operated by any air carrier in the
25 provision of interstate air transportation or intrastate air
26 transportation; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of
3 Transportation and Hawaii's congressional delegation.
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