

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING HAWAII HELICOPTER COMPANIES TO AVOID MAKING NON-EMERGENCY FLIGHTS OVER RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS.

WHEREAS, commercial helicopter flights are a popular activity in Hawaii that have been economically successful for some private companies; and

WHEREAS, commercial helicopter flights, however, have become a nuisance and danger to many state residents, as the helicopters often fly over their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, commercial helicopter flights that fly over residential areas bring noise pollution, create safety hazards, and can end in tragedy, such as the recent deadly crash on a street in Kailua on Oahu; and

WHEREAS, there is no valid reason for helicopters to fly over residential neighborhoods, except in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Helicopter Association represents the helicopter industry in the State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the Senate concurring, that helicopter companies operating in Hawaii are urged to avoid flying over residential neighborhoods except in emergency situations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that helicopter companies operating in Hawaii are urged to take disciplinary action on pilots who violate the foregoing requested restriction; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Hawaii Helicopter Association, who is requested to forward copies of this Concurrent Resolution to the Association's members; Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration; Director of the Hawaii State Department of Transportation; and members of Hawaii's congressional delegation.

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