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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, commercial helicopter flights are a popular 2 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 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;

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, 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 against pilots who violate the foregoing requested restriction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Hawaii Helicopter Association, who is requested to forward copies of

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this Resolution to the Association's members; Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration; Director of the state Department of Transportation; and each member of Hawaii's congressional delegation.

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