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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AIRFIELDS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Kawaihapai Airfield,  
2 also known as Dillingham Airfield, has been a vital economic and  
3 tourism contributor to the economy of Oahu's north shore. In  
4 2019, the airfield had 33,805 aircraft operations, more than  
5 Kapalua, Lanai, and Kalaupapa regional airports combined. The  
6 legislature further finds that the small business tenants at  
7 Kawaihapai Airfield generate over \$12,000,000 in yearly revenues  
8 and employ over one hundred and thirty people, which include  
9 flight instructors, pilots, aircraft maintenance personnel, tour  
10 operators, office staff, and more.

11           The legislature also finds that Kawaihapai Airfield is  
12 recognized around the world as a premier recreational skydiving  
13 and gliding destination. For example, the Travel Channel listed  
14 Kawaihapai Airfield as one of the best places in the world to  
15 skydive. The travel website TripAdvisor recognized Paradise Air  
16 Hang Gliding, a tenant at Kawaihapai Airfield, as one of the top  
17 ten per cent of attractions worldwide.



1           The legislature finds that the department of transportation  
2 leases Kawaihapai Airfield from the United States Department of  
3 the Army. The department of transportation has announced that  
4 it plans to exercise the early termination provision of its  
5 lease agreement with the U.S. Army as of June 30, 2021, despite  
6 the fact that the current lease runs until July 5, 2024.

7           The purpose of this Act is to prevent the eviction of the  
8 tenants of Kawaihapai Airfield who are in good standing until  
9 the current lease expires.

10           SECTION 2. No tenant of Kawaihapai Airfield who is in good  
11 standing shall be evicted from the airfield until the expiration  
12 of the department of transportation's lease agreement with the  
13 United States Department of the Army, entitled Supplemental  
14 Agreement No. 4 to Department of the Army Lease No. DACA84-1-09-  
15 135, which is currently set to expire on July 5, 2024; provided  
16 that the tenant remains in good standing.

17           SECTION 3. The department of transportation shall  
18 cooperate with any private entity performing an economic  
19 feasibility study of Kawaihapai Airfield.

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1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Dillingham Airfield; Kawaihapai Airfield; Department of Transportation; Lease; U.S. Army; Economic Feasibility Study

**Description:**

Prohibits the eviction of any tenant of Kawaihapai Airfield from being evicted from the airfield until the expiration of the department of transportation and the U.S. Department of the Army's lease, so long as the tenant remains in good standing. Requires the department of transportation to cooperate with any private entity performing an economic feasibility study of Kawaihapai Airfield.

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