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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SPECIFY RULES, PROCEDURES, STANDARDS, AND STRATEGIES FOR ENFORCEMENT OF MANDATORY NOISE ABATEMENT AS PART OF THE TOUR AIRCRAFT OPERATORS PERMIT.

1 WHEREAS, in the past three years alone, residents of Hawaii
2 Island, Molokai, and Maui have publicly reported dozens of low-
3 flying tour helicopters over their homes each day, with as many
4 as seventy to eighty during peak periods; and
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6 WHEREAS, a report by the National Resources Council states
7 that helicopter noise can lead to sleep-deprivation,
8 cardiovascular and gastrointestinal problems, as well as reduced
9 learning abilities among children; and
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11 WHEREAS, the "Fly Neighborly Program" or its equivalent is
12 currently a requirement of the Department of Transportation's
13 application for the tour aircraft operators permit, for which
14 applicants must include noise abatement procedures to be
15 employed in the vicinity of identified noise sensitive areas,
16 and procedures to be used in responding to complaints generated
17 by or suspected to be generated by the aircraft; and
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19 WHEREAS, it is critical that the Department of
20 Transportation implement and enforce standards of the "Fly
21 Neighborly Program" to improve and restore the health, welfare,
22 and quality of life of Hawaii residents, and to sustain the
23 general public's valued experience of natural and recreational
24 resources through reducing the level of noise pollution created
25 by tour aircrafts; now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,
29 that the Department of Transportation is requested to promulgate
30 rules, standards, and strategies for enforcement of noise
31 abatement per the "Fly Neighborly Program" or its equivalent as
32 currently required by the tour aircraft operators permit; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
2 Transportation is requested to use the "Fly Neighborly Program"
3 or similar equivalent as a guideline for these rules and
4 standards; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
7 Resolution be transmitted to the Department of Transportation.
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OFFERED BY: _____

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