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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE COST-EFFECTIVE DISPOSITION OF THE SAFE TRAVELS THERMAL SCREENING AND TRACING CAMERA EQUIPMENT AND OTHER RELATED OPERATIONS.

1 WHEREAS, the legislature found that during the coronavirus
2 disease 2019 pandemic, detecting air travelers with a
3 temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher was a necessary step to
4 ensure the safety of the State of Hawaii and its residents; and
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6 WHEREAS, to keep the State's airports open, in May 2021,
7 thermal screening and tracing camera equipment were installed at
8 the State's five major airports at a cost of \$27,000,000; and
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10 WHEREAS, the thermal screening and tracing camera equipment
11 became a critical part of the Safe Travels Screening Program and
12 provided the Safe Travels Program and the Department of Health
13 with a baseline in detecting possible SARS-CoV-2 positive
14 passengers; and
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16 WHEREAS, the Safe Travels Program and Emergency
17 Proclamation terminates on March 25, 2022, at 11:59 P.M.; and
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19 WHEREAS, as the thermal screening and tracing camera
20 equipment is an asset of the airports, it would be prudent for
21 the Department of Transportation Airports Division to develop a
22 plan for repurposing the equipment for the security and safety
23 of the traveling public; and
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25 WHEREAS, the thermal screening and tracing camera equipment
26 maintenance contract will terminate on June 30, 2022; and
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28 WHEREAS, it would be fiscally responsible for the
29 Department of Transportation Airports Division to work with the
30 airport stakeholders to agree on uses for the equipment for the
31 betterment of the airport and the traveling public; now,
32 therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,
3 that the Department of Transportation Airports Division is
4 requested to develop a preliminary draft thermal screening and
5 tracing camera repurpose plan for its five major airports; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
8 Transportation Airports Division is requested to submit the
9 preliminary draft, with an implementation date, to the
10 Legislature no later than July 1, 2022; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of
14 Transportation, Deputy Director of the Transportation Airports
15 Division.
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OFFERED BY: _____

