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Testimony for PSM on 3/29/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ben Devine	Testifying for Save Dillingham Airfield	Support	In Person

Comments:

Aloha and thank you for giving me the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SR193.

In 1991 congress ordered that a portion of Dillingham Airfield be returned to the State of Hawaii. There were three stipulations to that turnover of lands.

1. The State and Military Should enter into a joint use agreement for the lands (**Completed**)
2. The land should be surveyed (**Completed**)
3. The secretary should add any additional terms he deems necessary (**Power to expand the Land Transfer**)

In 1995 the land was surveyed specifically for this transfer of land. In 2009 the Army and State of Hawaii agreed to a Joint Use Agreement. Since that time the Army and State have been working to draft documents to complete the land transfer, but it simply has not been a high priority.

The entire Dillingham Military Reservation is over 640 acres. Of that, the Airfield is 287 acres and has been leased to the state since 1962 under a Joint Use Agreement. The west 87 acres in question encompass all the major state-owned infrastructure on the airport, with the notable exception of the eastern portion of the taxiways and runway.

The secretary of the army has the power to expand this turnover of land to include the entire 287 acres of airfield land, and through a joint use agreement would see no change to the Army's ability to complete its mission. This is good for the army because state ownership would enhance DOTs ability to apply for Airport Improvement Program Grants through the FAA resulting in better facilities for their use.

Even if only the west 87 acres is transferred this is still in the State of Hawaii's best interest. Specifically, there is a water system onsite that services Hawaiian residents. If the land was to be in State hands, DOT could officially turnover the water system to Hawaii State Board of Water, removing a conflict with their FAA funding. Currently Hawaii State Board of Water doesn't want to improve and maintain a system that is on land owned by the Army.

All over the country there is a history of Federal Airports being turned over to state governmental bodies. Without going through the long list of precedent, I will just give a great example we have right here at home. The Naval Air Station at Barbers point transferred land to

the State of Hawaii for General Aviation use in 1999. They participate in joint operations and share a continuous runway. There is a water system on site there that services a variety of water users. It was a good deal for everyone, but especially Citizens of Hawaii.

This Resolution is absolutely needed because an act of congress has gone ignored by the State of Hawaii and the Secretary of the Army for thirty years. It has simply not been a priority. This land transfer has the potential to solve all the DOT's named issues at the airfield and to enhance our community's ability to achieve its true potential. Through a Joint Use Agreement, there will be no change whatsoever to the Army's Mission. Moreover, a robust Joint Use Agreement would remove any issue with expanding the land transfer to encompass the entire airfield property, and entire water system, while still leaving more than Half of the Military reservation entirely in Army hands.

The Army and Hawaii DOT are engaged in negotiations for a new Joint Use Agreement right now. Passing this resolution would have an immediate effect on those negotiations.

I support this resolution and thank the Committee for its consideration.

Ben Devine

Executive Director

Save Dillingham Airfield

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Peter Besenbruch	Testifying for Hawaiian Astronomical Society	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Peter Besenbruch. As a board member of the Hawaiian Astronomical Society, I support all measures that maintain Dillingham (Kawaihapai) Airfield's role for aviation, and for our astronomical outreach. We hope to restart our public star parties this year, introducing members of the public to dark Hawaiian skies. The airfield is one of the last dark sky locations on Oahu. If this resolution will facilitate the Dillingham's continued operation, we support it.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John Kinyon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To: *Chair of Committee of Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs Senator
Clarence K. Nishihara*

Subject: *SR. 193 Relating to Airfields*

My name is John Kinyon. I am a user of Kawaihapai airfield and support SCR 200. The State of Hawaii should complete the transfer of Kawaihapai Airfield.

Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Allison Marsh	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To: Chair of Committee of Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs Senator Clarence K. Nishihara

Supporting SR. 193

My name is Allison Marsh and I am a Private Pilot. I will be continuing my flight training (Instrument + Commercial Ratings) on O'ahu. I depend on Kawaihapai airfield for my work in Hawaii. I support SR193. The State of Hawaii should complete the transfer of Kawaihapai Airfield. It would be of great benefit to me personally and to the state of Hawaii.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Arvel Shults	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To: *Chair of Committee of Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs Senator
Clarence K. Nishihara*

Subject: *SR. 193 Relating to Airfields*

Message: *My name is Arvel Shults. I depend on Kawaihapai airfield for my recreational skydiving and ocasonal work in Hawaii. I support SR193. The State of Hawaii should complete the transfer of Kawaihapai Airfield. It would be of great benefit to me personally and to the state of Hawaii.*

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Pomerantz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To: *Chair of Committee of Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs Senator
Clarence K. Nishihara*

Subject: *SR. 193 Relating to Airfields*

Message: *My name is Andrew S. Pomerantz. I have utilized the Kawaihapai airfield as a pilot flying in Hawaii. I support SR193. The State of Hawaii should complete the transfer of Kawaihapai Airfield. It would be of great benefit to me personally and to the state of Hawaii.*

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Andrew S. Pomerantz, Esq.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Devitt	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Ryan Devitt, First Officer at Hawaiian Airlines. I depend on Kawaihapai airfield for my work in Hawaii. I support SR193. The State of Hawaii should complete the transfer of Kawaihapai Airfield. It would be of great benefit to me personally and to the state of Hawaii.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bryan Brasher	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Bryan Brasher. I depend on Kawaihapai airfield in Hawaii for the advancement of my personal and professional goals. I support SR193. The State of Hawaii should complete the transfer of Kawaihapai Airfield. It would be of great benefit to me personally, to the state of Hawaii, and to the country as a whole. As a personal story, Kawaihapai airfield is where I first went skydiving and this opened a new world for adventure. It is also where I took my first glider lessons, which propelled me into pursuing my private pilot's license in Honolulu. Although I will move away from Hawaii next year, I intend to continue to pursue my advanced ratings with an eye on future commercial employment. This airfield is a wonderful ambassador for Hawaii and aviation and I would hope that the state will do all in its power to support its continued service to the community.

*To: Chair of Committee of Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs Senator
Clarence K. Nishihara*

Subject: SR. 193 Relating to Airfields

Message: My name is Vicki McManus. I hangar my aircraft in Kawaihpai Airfield allowing me to avoid congestion over Honolulu International Airport. I support SR193. The State of Hawaii should complete the transfer of Kawaihapai Airfield. It would be of great benefit to me personally and to the state of Hawaii.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
jennifer pfister	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha I'm Jeni Pfister. I rely on kawaihapai airfield for work every day. I fly the caravan for skydiving. I have a flight school. And I also have a glider at the gliderport. Please approve of the transfer. It would be a great benefit to my livelihood

mahalo, Jeni

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Larry Wiss	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm voicing my support for SR193; Secretary of the Army completing transfer of Dillingham (Kawaihapai) Airfield to the State of Hawaii. Maintaining Kawaihapai is vital not only for those who are employed at the Airfield but also for other citizens who visit the airfield for recreation and general aviation use. Larry Wiss

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kira Devitt	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Kira Devitt. I depend on Kawaihapai airfield for my work in Hawaii. I support SR193. The State of Hawaii should complete the transfer of Kawaihapai Airfield. It would be of great benefit to me personally and to the state of Hawaii.

This airport is an invaluable asset to the North Shore's economy and should belong to the State of Hawaii. Please complete the transfer.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gregory McManus	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To: *Chair of Committee of Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs Senator Clarence K. Nishihara*

Subject: *SR. 193 Relating to Airfields*

Message: *My name is Greg McManus, I rent a hangar at Kawaihapai I support SR193. The State of Hawaii should complete the transfer of Kawaihapai Airfield. It would be of great benefit to me personally and to the state of Hawaii.*

Thank you

Gregory McManus

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
george Ferrer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To: Chair of Committee of Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs Senator Clarence K. Nishihara

Subject: SR. 193 Relating to Airfields

Message: My name is George Ferrer. I depend on Kawaihapai airfield for my work in Hawaii. I support SR193. The State of Hawaii should complete the transfer of Kawaihapai Airfield. It would be of great benefit to me personally and to the state of Hawaii.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kim Pateman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Kim Pateman. I depend on Kawaihapai airfield for my work in Hawaii. I support SCR 193. The State of Hawaii should complete the transfer of Kawaihapai Airfield. It would be of great benefit to me personally and to the state of Hawaii.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Todd Yukutake	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the passing of this resolution to ensure the skydiving industry continues at Dillingham airfield. This will allow for the necessary rennovations and improvements can be made to the airfield and to protect the jobs of the workers there.

Mahalo

Todd Yukutake



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March 29, 2022

TO: Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on Public Safety, Military and Intergovernmental Affairs

FROM: Mahealani Cypher
Ko`olau Foundation

RE: S.R. 193 – Conveyance of Dillingham Air Field to State of Hawai`i

Aloha, Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Committee Members:

The Ko`olau Foundation offers its support for Senate Resolution 193, which would request that the U.S. Secretary of the Army convey Dillingham Airfield – also known as Kawaihapai Airfield - to the State of Hawai`i.

This airfield has not been regularly used by the Army for many years, and instead has been maintained by the Hawai`i State Airports Division as a general aviation airfield since 1962.

Since that time, this airfield has proven to be exceptionally conducive for recreational use for skydiving, glider planes, flight instruction and other general aviation activities, bringing in significant revenue to the State of Hawai`i.

A portion of the airfield property was supposed to have been conveyed to the State of Hawai`i in 1991, but the land transfer was never completed.

This Resolution would call upon the chairperson of the State Department of Land and Natural Resources to work with the Department of Defense to complete all necessary transactions and finalize the conveyance of this land to the State of Hawai`i.

We urge your approval of this Resolution.

Mahalo for considering our mana`o on this matter.