
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ESTABLISH AN AIR SERVICE TASK FORCE TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING COMMERCIAL AIR TRAVEL TO AND FROM MOLOKAI AND LANA'I.

1 WHEREAS, only one commercial airline currently provides air
2 transport services to Molokai and Lana'i; and

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4 WHEREAS, although a luxury charter airline geared toward
5 transporting resort guests does operate on Lana'i, there is only
6 one commercial airline available to the general public that
7 currently provides air transport services to Lana'i residents;
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10 WHEREAS, generally, the provision of air transport services
11 for Molokai and Lana'i residents has become increasingly
12 unreliable, with flights frequently being canceled at the last
13 minute; and

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15 WHEREAS, due to these transportation constraints, residents
16 of Molokai and Lana'i lack sufficient access to emergency medical
17 care; and

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19 WHEREAS, commercial air travel to and from Molokai and
20 Lana'i requires improvements; now, therefore,

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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
24 Session of 2023, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
25 Transportation is requested to establish an air service task
26 force to provide recommendations for improving commercial air
27 travel to and from Molokai and Lana'i; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individuals are
2 requested to serve as members of the task force:

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4 (1) The United States Secretary of Transportation, or the
5 Secretary's designee;
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7 (2) The Regional Administrator for the Federal Aviation
8 Administration, Western-Pacific Region, or the
9 Regional Administrator's designee;
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11 (3) The Director of Transportation, or the Director's
12 designee; and
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14 (4) The Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, or the
15 Director's designee; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the air service task force may
18 consult with and invite to serve as a member of the task force,
19 representatives of any relevant agencies and organizations, or
20 any resource persons; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the air service task force is
23 also requested to submit a report of its findings and
24 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
25 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
26 the Regular Session of 2024; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the air service task force
29 shall dissolve on July 1, 2024; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the United States
33 Secretary of Transportation; Regional Administrator for the
34 Federal Aviation Administration, Western-Pacific Region;
35 Director of Transportation; and Director of Commerce and
36 Consumer Affairs.

