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## HOUSE 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, that the Department of Transportation is  
25 requested to establish an air service task force to provide  
26 recommendations for improving commercial air travel to and from  
27 Molokai and Lana'i; and

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29          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individuals are  
30 requested to serve as members of the task force:



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- 2 (1) The United States Secretary of Transportation, or the
- 3 Secretary's designee;
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- 5 (2) The Regional Administrator for the Federal Aviation
- 6 Administration, Western-Pacific Region, or the
- 7 Regional Administrator's designee;
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- 9 (3) The Director of Transportation, or the Director's
- 10 designee; and
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- 12 (4) The Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, or the
- 13 Director's designee; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the air service task force may  
16 consult with and invite to serve as a member of the task force,  
17 representatives of any relevant agencies and organizations, or  
18 any resource persons; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the air service task force is  
21 also requested to submit a report of its findings and  
22 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
23 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
24 the Regular Session of 2024; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the air service task force  
27 shall dissolve on July 1, 2024; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
30 Resolution be transmitted to the United States Secretary of  
31 Transportation; Regional Administrator for the Federal Aviation  
32 Administration, Western-Pacific Region; Director of  
33 Transportation; and Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.