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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY
ON THE FEASIBILITY OF BRINGING OTHER AIRLINES TO THE
MOLOKAI AIRPORT.

1 WHEREAS, since January 2021, only one passenger airline has
2 provided service to the general public out of Molokai Airport;
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5 WHEREAS, while the airline has done its best to accommodate
6 the needs of passengers, including additional routes, flight
7 times, and ordering larger planes, the cost of plane tickets
8 remains prohibitive to many Molokai residents who need to travel
9 for essential reasons, including work, medical appointments, and
10 family; and
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12 WHEREAS, in addition to costly ticket prices and limited
13 flights, there are significant flight delays and cancellations
14 that have caused undue burdens on Molokai residents; and
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16 WHEREAS, this lack of dependable, accessible flights to
17 major hubs such as Honolulu can potentially lead to health and
18 safety issues for residents of rural communities; now,
19 therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,
23 that the Department of Transportation is requested to study the
24 feasibility of bringing additional airlines to the island of
25 Molokai; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
28 Transportation is requested to submit a report of its findings
29 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
30 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
31 the Regular Session of 2025; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation.

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OFFERED BY:

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