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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE AIRPORTS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO EXPLORE THE  
FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING A CORPORATION  
TO MANAGE THE STATE'S AIRPORTS.

1 WHEREAS, the State's airports play a critical role in the  
2 economic development, tourism industry, and overall connectivity  
3 of the islands; and

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5 WHEREAS, Hawaii's airports collectively employ thousands of  
6 individuals in various sectors, including airlines, operations,  
7 security, maintenance, customer service, concessions, and  
8 administration, making them a significant source of jobs and  
9 economic activity in the State; and

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11 WHEREAS, the establishment of an airports corporation could  
12 potentially centralize and streamline the management,  
13 development, and operations of the State's airports under a  
14 single entity; and

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16 WHEREAS, a dedicated airports corporation could improve  
17 financial flexibility, accelerate infrastructure improvements,  
18 enhance customer experience, and ensure long-term sustainability  
19 and competitiveness of Hawaii's airport system; and

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21 WHEREAS, the State should evaluate the potential benefits,  
22 challenges, and financial implications of creating an airports  
23 corporation, including an assessment of governance structures,  
24 funding mechanisms, operational efficiency, potential to improve  
25 outcomes, and regulatory compliance; and

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27 WHEREAS, input from various stakeholders, including  
28 government agencies, aviation industry experts, business  
29 representatives, labor organizations, and community members, is  
30 essential to developing informed recommendations for the  
31 Legislature; now, therefore,

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33 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
34 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session



1 of 2025, that the Airports' Division of the Department of  
2 Transportation is requested to convene a task force to explore  
3 the feasibility of establishing and implementing an airports  
4 corporation to manage the State's airports; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
7 include the following members:

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9 (1) Representatives from the Department of Transportation;  
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11 (2) The chairpersons of the respective committees of the  
12 House of Representatives and Senate having  
13 jurisdiction over transportation;  
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15 (3) Representatives from the Hawaii Tourism Authority; and  
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17 (4) Representatives from:  
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19 (A) The airline industry;  
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21 (B) Labor unions;  
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23 (C) Airport businesses; and  
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25 (D) Other relevant stakeholders; and  
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
28 analyze the potential advantages and disadvantages of creating  
29 an airports corporation, including its impact on airport  
30 operations, governance, staffing, quality of facilities and  
31 sense of place, and overall effectiveness; and  
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
34 submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the  
35 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
36 the Regular Session of 2026; and  
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
39 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of  
40 Transportation, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of



1 Representatives, and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii  
2 Tourism Industry.  
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OFFERED BY:

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