

ACT 11

S.B. NO. 10

A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation for Marketing and Promoting the Safety of and Increased Security at State Airports.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The terrible terrorist incidents in New York, Virginia, and Pennsylvania, on September 11, 2001, resulted in an immense and tragic loss of life and security, and have truly stunned the nation. As a result, the United States has increased its vigilance and implemented numerous heightened security measures designed to guard against further attacks. Temporary closure of the nation's airports and suspension of civilian air travel were only two of many such measures. Increased security has been implemented at all airports, including the airports in Hawaii.

Due largely to the terrorist attacks and their far-ranging impacts, air travel throughout the country has fallen dramatically. This has had an especially damaging effect on Hawaii's economy because tourism, our main industry, is almost completely dependent on air travel. In spite of emergency federal subsidies, airlines have been laying off significant numbers of employees and cutting the number of flights to and from Hawaii. Consequently, Hawaii is facing what may be its worst economic crisis in history. As part of the effort to stimulate the economy and encourage travel to Hawaii, the legislature finds that the State should implement a marketing program emphasizing the use of state airports and promoting the safety of and increased security at all state airports in Hawaii.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the department of transportation to market and promote the safety of and increased security at all state airports.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the airport revenue fund (TRN 195) the sum of \$5,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2001—2002 to be expended for marketing and promoting the safety of and increased security at state airports; provided that in expending the sums appropriated hereunder, the department of transportation shall:

- (1) Obtain prior approval from the Federal Aviation Administration on the use of these funds for marketing and promotion plans;
- (2) Comply with all applicable rules, regulations, conditions, and restrictions, including any imposed by the federal government, unless and to the extent the State obtains approval to be excused from such compliance; and

- (3) Not violate any covenants or contractual obligations under or relating to bonds or other types of financing issued or obtained by the department.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of transportation for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved November 2, 2001.)