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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION TO WORK WITH THE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ESTABLISH NOISE SENSITIVE  
OPERATING PROCEDURES AND AIR TRAFFIC PATTERNS TO REDUCE AND  
CONTROL AIRCRAFT NOISE IMPACTS.

1 WHEREAS, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Air Traffic  
2 Control Centers control aircraft departures and arrivals in the  
3 State of Hawaii and communicate directly with aircraft operators  
4 in the vicinity of state airports; and  
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6 WHEREAS, the health, welfare, and quality of life of  
7 Hawaii's citizens are significantly affected by frequent  
8 exposure to aircraft noise impacts from commercial jet aircraft  
9 and tour helicopter flight paths close to and over urban  
10 populations on the islands of Hawaii; and  
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12 WHEREAS, the state Department of Transportation (DOT)  
13 confirms that it is willing to work with community interest  
14 groups to address aircraft noise impacts affecting communities  
15 in the vicinity of state airports, and to develop, for  
16 consideration by the FAA, suggested changes to operational areas  
17 under DOT's control; and  
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19 WHEREAS, residents on the ground under and adjacent to  
20 arbitrary aircraft flight paths experience aircraft noise  
21 impacts that interfere with their daily lives at all hours of  
22 the day and night; and  
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24 WHEREAS, residents of the State have the constitutionally  
25 protected right to quiet enjoyment of their homes; and  
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27 WHEREAS, comprehensive national research and existing local  
28 evidence disclose that aircraft noise impacts cause a multitude  
29 of negative consequences and health risks, including loss of  
30 sleep, interruption of speech, and mental stress; and



1 WHEREAS, aircraft noise impacts are also similarly  
2 detrimental to the valued experience and enjoyment of Hawaii's  
3 natural and recreational resources by residents and visitors  
4 alike; and  
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6 WHEREAS, community reaction and opposition to continuing  
7 commercial jet aircraft and tour helicopter noise impacts over  
8 residential and recreation areas during the past two decades is  
9 evidence of the fact that the community warrants public  
10 protection from these impacts as these aviation uses increase;  
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13 WHEREAS, old Stage II aircraft technology is banned from  
14 all states except Hawaii and Alaska, and in some states, several  
15 noise-critical Stage III models are restricted to certain  
16 daytime hours; and  
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18 WHEREAS, there is no process for the verification of  
19 records that tour helicopters operate in compliance with FAA  
20 Special Federal Aviation Regulation No. 71 (SFAR 71), which  
21 establishes certain procedural and operational requirements for  
22 air tour operators in the State of Hawaii; and  
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24 WHEREAS, International Civil Aviation Organization climb  
25 procedures and continuous descent approach procedures are proven  
26 effective aircraft noise abatement controls; now, therefore,  
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
29 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
30 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the FAA is urged to  
31 do everything within its authority in the State of Hawaii to  
32 fully implement aircraft noise abatement procedures and  
33 practices in the public interest; and  
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FAA and its air traffic  
36 control centers are requested to work with DOT and community  
37 representatives to establish aircraft operating procedures and  
38 air traffic patterns to reduce and control the effect of  
39 aircraft noise impact on communities within the proximity of  
40 airports and aircraft flight paths; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that  
2 aircraft operating procedures and air traffic patterns reduce  
3 and control the effect of aircraft noise impact on communities  
4 within the proximity of airports and aircraft flight paths to  
5 include, but not be limited to, the following:

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7 (1) Effective noise abatement departure profiles combined  
8 with preferential runway use selections and flight  
9 path techniques;

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11 (2) Effective noise abatement departure and arrival flight  
12 paths vectored over water; and

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14 (3) Effective noise abatement altitudes and climb and  
15 descent procedures for commercial jet aircraft;

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FAA is requested to work  
20 with DOT to establish a process for recorded verification that  
21 tour helicopters operate in compliance with SFAR 71, and Special  
22 Operating Rules for Air Tour Operators in the State of Hawaii,  
23 Section 6(a) and (b); and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Federal Aviation  
27 Administration, the Honolulu Flight Standards District Office,  
28 the Honolulu Air Traffic Control Center, Director of  
29 Transportation, and each member of Hawaii's Congressional  
30 Delegation.

