
HOUSE RESOLUTION

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, that the FAA is urged to do everything within
31 its authority in the State of Hawaii to fully implement aircraft
32 noise abatement procedures and practices in the public interest;
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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 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.

