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SENATE 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 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 confirms
13 that it is willing to work with community interest groups to
14 address aircraft noise impacts affecting communities in the
15 vicinity of state airports, and to develop, for consideration by
16 the Federal Aviation Administration, suggested changes to
17 operational areas under the Department'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 right to quiet
25 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

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32 WHEREAS, aircraft noise impacts are also detrimental to the
33 valued experience and enjoyment of Hawaii's natural and
34 recreational resources by residents and visitors alike; and



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2 WHEREAS, community reaction and opposition to continuing
3 commercial jet aircraft and tour helicopter noise impacts over
4 residential and recreation areas during the past two decades is
5 evidence of the fact that the community warrants public
6 protection from these impacts as these aviation uses increase;
7 and

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9 WHEREAS, old Stage II aircraft technology is banned from
10 all states except Hawaii and Alaska, and in some states, several
11 noise-critical Stage III models are restricted to certain
12 daytime hours; and

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14 WHEREAS, there is no process for the verification of
15 records that tour helicopters operate in compliance with the
16 Federal Aviation Administration's Special Federal Aviation
17 Regulation No. 71, which establishes certain procedural and
18 operational requirements for air tour operators in the State of
19 Hawaii; and

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21 WHEREAS, International Civil Aviation Organization climb
22 procedures and continuous descent approach procedures are proven
23 effective aircraft noise abatement controls; now, therefore,

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008,
27 that the Federal Aviation Administration is urged to do
28 everything within its authority in the State of Hawaii to fully
29 implement aircraft noise abatement procedures and practices in
30 the public interest; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federal Aviation
33 Administration and its air traffic control centers are requested
34 to work with the state Department of Transportation and
35 community representatives to establish aircraft operating
36 procedures and air traffic patterns to reduce and control the
37 effect of aircraft noise impact on communities within the
38 proximity of airports and aircraft flight paths in the State;
39 and

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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that
42 aircraft operating procedures and air traffic patterns reduce
43 and control the effect of aircraft noise impact on communities



1 within the proximity of airports and aircraft flight paths to
2 include, but not be limited to, the following:

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- 4 (1) Effective noise abatement departure profiles combined
- 5 with preferential runway use selections and flight
- 6 path techniques;
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- 8 (2) Effective noise abatement departure and arrival flight
- 9 paths vectored over water; and
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- 11 (3) Effective noise abatement altitudes and climb and
- 12 descent procedures for commercial jet aircraft; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federal Aviation
15 Administration is requested to work with the state Department of
16 Transportation to establish a process for recorded verification
17 that tour helicopters operate in compliance with Special Federal
18 Aviation Regulation No. 71, and Special Operating Rules for Air
19 Tour Operators in the State of Hawaii, Sections 6(a) and (b);
20 and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Resolution be transmitted to the Administrator of the Federal
24 Aviation Administration, the Honolulu Flight Standards District
25 Office, the Honolulu Air Traffic Control Center, the Director of
26 Transportation, and the members of Hawaii's congressional
27 delegation.

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