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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO RECONSIDER ITS LEASE  
PRICES WITH RENTAL CAR AGENCIES AT MOLOKAI AIRPORT.

1           WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has statutory  
2 authority to enter into leases with any person to confer the  
3 privilege of supplying services at airports owned or controlled  
4 by the Department, including Molokai Airport; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the Department is authorized to fix charges,  
7 rentals, and fees for the privileges or services granted,  
8 provided that the charges are reasonable and uniform for the  
9 same class of privilege or service; and  
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11           WHEREAS, two major rental car agencies that have been  
12 operating at Molokai Airport intend to cease operations this  
13 year because the Department plans to raise their leases to  
14 \$50,000 for five years, and a third major rental car agency is  
15 exploring the possibility of entering into a lease at the  
16 airport; and  
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18           WHEREAS, the lease increase will cause instability in an  
19 already unstable and floundering tourism market; and  
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21           WHEREAS, the impending closure of the two major rental car  
22 agencies will create an immediate loss of infrastructure for  
23 Molokai's tourism industry, since car rentals are the only means  
24 of transportation for tourists on the island; and  
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26           WHEREAS, the possible entry of a third major car rental  
27 agency in the wake of the departure of the other two agencies  
28 will transform the market for car rental services at the airport  
29 into a monopoly, allowing the third agency to charge accordingly  
30 for its services; now, therefore,  
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32           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
33 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
34 of 2009, that the Department of Transportation is urged to  
35 reconsider its lease prices with rental car agencies at Molokai



1 Airport to ensure the stability and availability of reasonably  
2 priced car rental services on the island; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation.  
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