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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO MONITOR NOISE LEVELS OF AIRCRAFT, TO ESTABLISH AN AIRCRAFT NOISE ABATEMENT MASTER PLAN, AND TO ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii bears the burden of nearly fifty per cent  
2 of U.S. helicopter tourism; and

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4 WHEREAS, it is impossible to go anywhere, even in federally  
5 designated wilderness areas, without being bombarded by the  
6 effects of aircraft noise; and

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8 WHEREAS, aircraft noise causes detrimental disturbances to  
9 native species in our parks and in wilderness areas, and this  
10 noise detracts from the serenity the purpose for which these  
11 parks and areas were originally designated: the preservation of  
12 nature and the ability to experience nature for park goers; and

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14 WHEREAS, aircraft noise upsetting and intrusive for East  
15 Honolulu residents, especially those living near the shoreline  
16 and in valleys where the scream of engines and helicopter blades  
17 reverberates, especially as helicopter and airplane noise can be  
18 heard in East Honolulu as late as 11:00 p.m. and as early as  
19 4:00 a.m., which is disruptive to the sleep of people in  
20 residential areas; now, therefore,

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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
23 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, it  
24 is requested that the Department of Transportation monitor noise  
25 levels from airport operations; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department establish an  
28 aircraft noise abatement master plan; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department maintain a  
31 twenty-four hour noise complaint hot line and website; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department establish a  
34 volunteer advisory committee to facilitate the monitoring of



1 noise levels, the creation of a noise abatement master plan, and  
2 the setup of the complaint hot line and website; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department and the advisory  
5 committee work towards the goal of cessation or restriction of  
6 aircraft flights over private property, schools, zoos, parks,  
7 and sacred sites, in addition to enforcement that includes  
8 denial of future permits for violators; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the advisory committee submit  
11 its recommendations, including proposed legislation, to the  
12 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
13 the 2010 Regular Session; and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Department of  
17 Transportation.  
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