TESTIMONY SCR 73



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COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, INTERNATIONAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 73,
REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION
TO ENTER INTO A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF GENERAL AVIATION LOTS
AT THE KONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
AT KEAHOLE, ISLAND OF HAWAII.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** SCR No. 73, which will authorize the development of General Aviation Lots at the Kona International Airport. This concurrent resolution is an Administration Measure.

Section 171-60, Hawaii Revised Statutes, provides that the Board of Land and Natural Resources, with the prior approval of the governor and the authorization of the legislature by concurrent resolution approving a development project, may lease public lands to a private developer, or enter into a development agreement with a private developer, for the development and subdivision of lands as a leasehold project for various purposes, including industrial, commercial or business uses. We are seeking the Legislature's authorization, by concurrent resolution, as a first step in following the requirements as set forth in HRS Section 171-60.

In addition, the DOT requests that a typographical correction be made. It is requested that the word "an" on page one, line 11, be deleted. The relevant paragraph should read as follows:

"WHEREAS, its proximity to the southern portion of the airfield of KOA provide the subject property with the potential to be developed as [an] general aviation facilities for airport or airport related purposes; and"

Thank you for considering our testimony. Your support to enable the DOT to move forward in this process is greatly appreciated.

TESTIMONY SCR 73 (END)