
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF AEROSPACE DEVELOPMENT TO DEVELOP AND
PROMOTE A PARTNERSHIP IN AEROSPACE WITH THE STATE OF ALASKA
TO EXPAND AND DIVERSIFY BOTH STATES' ECONOMIES AND THE
UNITED STATES SPACE PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, the United States aerospace industry is a critical
2 resource for our nation, drives our economy, and provides many
3 Americans with highly-paid jobs; and
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5 WHEREAS, the aerospace industry is a major economic driver
6 and catalyst for technological innovation nationwide; and
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8 WHEREAS, the demand for United States aerospace products is
9 the strongest in the national economy, with almost
10 \$81,000,000,000 in exports and a positive trade balance of
11 nearly \$49,000,000,000; and
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13 WHEREAS, aerospace is a resilient industry, which has
14 sustained an impressive growth rate of nearly twenty per cent
15 during the most recent national recession; and
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17 WHEREAS, both the State of Hawaii and the State of Alaska
18 are currently engaged in a broad range of aerospace-related
19 activities pertaining to satellite communications, environmental
20 remote sensing, robotics, renewable energy, and space launch;
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23 WHEREAS, both the State of Hawaii and State of Alaska are
24 actively pursuing opportunities to apply these resources to help
25 advance new technologies and capabilities with the potential to
26 advance next generation aviation, commercial space launch, and
27 future robotic and human missions beyond low-Earth orbit; and
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29 WHEREAS, through the Pacific International Space Center for
30 Exploration Systems, Hawaii is developing testing sites and



1 programs for space activities with the National Aeronautics and
2 Space Administration, the private sector, and international
3 entities, while Alaska has developed launch facilities such as
4 Kodiak Island; and
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6 WHEREAS, through collaboration, aerospace entities would be
7 able to test their projects in Hawaii and then stage and launch
8 them from Alaska, creating a economic opportunity for both
9 states while decreasing costs and increasing efficiency for
10 private sector and government entities; and
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12 WHEREAS, both states have substantial technical,
13 environmental, and geographical resources to support these
14 activities; and
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16 WHEREAS, these resources are, in many cases, complementary
17 and, if combined, would constitute a unique set of assets and
18 capabilities that could significantly expand local economies in
19 both states while enhancing our national space program; and
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21 WHEREAS, both the National Aeronautics and Space
22 Administration and the Federal Aviation Administration have
23 expressed strong interest in developing regional test sites to
24 demonstrate and validate new aerospace technologies; and
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26 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii and the State of Alaska have
27 also expressed interest in developing test sites specifically
28 for this purpose; and
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30 WHEREAS, the combination of technological, environmental,
31 and geographical assets and capabilities in Alaska and Hawaii
32 could enhance each state's ability to respond to and support
33 national efforts in these areas; now, therefore,
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35 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
36 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
37 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature
38 recognizes the significant advantages and timeliness of
39 promoting collaboration between the State of Hawaii and the
40 State of Alaska in the field of aerospace; and
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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in light of recent
43 requisitions by the National Aeronautics and Space
44 Administration, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the



1 United States military to develop regional test sites to advance
2 our national assets and capabilities in next generation
3 aviation, commercial space launch, and both robotic and human
4 missions beyond low-Earth orbit, the Office of Aerospace
5 Development is requested to research, identify, and evaluate
6 opportunities for collaboration with the State of Alaska in
7 responding to such requisitions; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in making this evaluation, the
10 Office of Aerospace Development is requested to consult with
11 appropriate representatives of both the Hawaii and Alaska state
12 administrations and legislatures, the United States aerospace
13 industry, the United States military, the Federal Aviation
14 Administration, and the National Aeronautics and Space
15 Administration; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, based upon this evaluation and
18 in consultation with the aforementioned parties and the Hawaii
19 State Aerospace Advisory Committee, the Office of Aerospace
20 Development is requested to recommend opportunities for such
21 collaboration to the Governor and the Legislature, as well as
22 appropriate mechanisms and timetables to facilitate these
23 partnerships; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; the
27 Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; the
28 Director of the Office of Aerospace Development; the President
29 of the University of Hawaii; the Adjutant General; the Commander
30 of the United States Pacific Command; the Commander of the
31 United States Pacific Fleet; the Commander of the Pacific Air
32 Forces; the Commanding General of the United States Army
33 Pacific; the Commander of the United States Marine Corps Forces,
34 Pacific; the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space
35 Administration; and the Administrator of the Federal Aviation
36 Administration.

