
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF AEROSPACE DEVELOPMENT TO COORDINATE COMMENTS AND IDENTIFY A LEAD ENTITY TO PREPARE A PROPOSAL, ON BEHALF OF THE STATE, FOR HAWAII TO BE SELECTED AS ONE OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION'S SIX UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM TEST SITES.

1 WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration Modernization
2 and Reform Act of 2012 and the National Defense Authorization
3 Act for Fiscal Year 2012 require the Federal Aviation
4 Administration to establish six unmanned aircraft system test
5 sites; and
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7 WHEREAS, this effort will provide critical data necessary
8 for establishing flight operations, certification standards,
9 regulatory standards, and air traffic requirements to ensure
10 safe operations for public and private unmanned aircraft
11 systems; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration has recently
14 initiated a search for the six unmanned aircraft system test
15 sites in the United States; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration, in docket
18 number FAA-2012-0252, announced a sixty-day period, expiring May
19 8, 2012, for soliciting public comments for purposes of refining
20 test site requirements, designation standards, and oversight
21 activities; and
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23 WHEREAS, after the comment process is completed, the
24 Federal Aviation Administration will issue a request for
25 proposals to develop unmanned aircraft system test sites; and
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27 WHEREAS, the selection of Hawaii as a national unmanned
28 aircraft system test site would establish the State as a
29 nationally recognized center of excellence for the development



1 and testing of advanced aviation technologies, create high-
2 paying jobs, and generate extramural revenue streams to the
3 State; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
7 House of Representatives concurring, that the Director of the
8 Office of Aerospace Development, in consultation with the Hawaii
9 Aerospace Advisory Committee, is requested to coordinate
10 comments from interested parties and identify a lead entity to
11 prepare a proposal, on behalf of the State, to the Federal
12 Aviation Administration for Hawaii to be selected as an unmanned
13 aircraft system test site; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; the
17 Director of the Office of Aerospace Development; the Director of
18 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; the President of
19 the University of Hawaii; the Adjutant General; the Commander of
20 the United States Pacific Command; the Commander of the United
21 States Pacific Fleet; the Commander of the Pacific Air Forces;
22 the Commanding General of the United States Army Pacific; the
23 Commander of the United States Marine Corps Forces, Pacific; the
24 Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space
25 Administration; and the Administrator of the Federal Aviation
26 Administration.

