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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RELATING TO AIRPORT SECURITY.

1 WHEREAS, the Transportation Security Administration is an
2 agency of the federal government charged with protecting the
3 nation's transportation systems to ensure freedom of movement
4 for people and commerce; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Transportation Security Administration is
7 responsible for the safety of the general public and conducts
8 screening of airport passengers and personnel for weapons,
9 explosives, and other contraband that pose a threat to security;
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12 WHEREAS, current Transportation Security Administration
13 screening policy involves passengers and personnel passing
14 through advanced-image technology scanners or undergoing a pat-
15 down search administered by Transportation Security
16 Administration employees, or both; and
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18 WHEREAS, the advanced-image technology scanners used by the
19 Transportation Security Administration capture images that
20 depict the shape and outline of a person's full body; and
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22 WHEREAS, repeated exposure to radiation from the scans
23 presents an unknown and potentially serious health risk; and
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25 WHEREAS, finding advanced-image technology scanners to be
26 overly invasive and potentially hazardous to health, many
27 passengers and personnel choose the option of undergoing a pat-
28 down search; and
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30 WHEREAS, many travelers have found the pat-down searches
31 conducted by employees of the Transportation Security
32 Administration to be a humiliating experience bordering on
33 physical and emotional abuse whether imposed in public or
34 private; and



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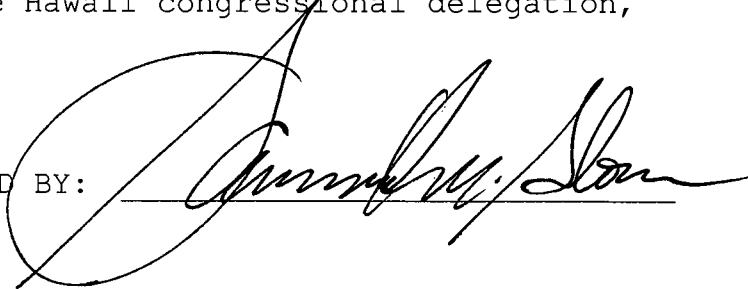
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2 WHEREAS, travelers who refuse the screening procedures are
3 not free to proceed beyond security checkpoints to continue
4 their travel; and

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6 WHEREAS, in response to such practices, Congressman Ron
7 Paul of Texas introduced the American Traveller Dignity Act of
8 2011, H.R. 2438, which provides that Federal employees who
9 provide security screening for airports are not immune from any
10 U.S. law regarding physical contact with another person, making
11 images of another person, or causing physical harm through the
12 use of radiation-emitting machinery on another person; now,
13 therefore,

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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
17 House of Representatives concurring, that the legislature of the
18 state of Hawaii hereby urges Congress to enact H.R. 2438 or
19 similar legislation that protects the rights of travelers in the
20 nations' airports; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Speaker of the United
24 States House of Representatives, the President of United States
25 Senate, to each member of the Hawaii congressional delegation,
26 and to the Governor.

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29 OFFERED BY:

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and appears to be "Amanda M. Lee".