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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING CONGRESS TO CONSIDER INTER-ISLAND AIR TRAVEL IN HAWAII AS  
A SPECIAL CASE AND PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION TO ALLOW THE STATE  
TO REGULATE THE INDUSTRY FOR PURPOSES OF EFFICIENCY.

1           WHEREAS, as an island chain where the counties are  
2 separated by many miles of open ocean, the State of Hawaii is  
3 critically and uniquely dependent upon air transportation as the  
4 only efficient way to transport passengers, both residents and  
5 visitors alike, between the islands; and

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7           WHEREAS, many residents commute daily between the islands  
8 by air and are thus highly dependent for their livelihood on  
9 convenient, reliable, safe, and affordable air transportation  
10 services; and

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12           WHEREAS, there is limited competition for inter-island air  
13 transportation services, which tends to create a monopolistic  
14 market that manipulates fee structures, flight schedules, and  
15 standards of service; and

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17           WHEREAS, currently, rates are extremely high and routes are  
18 limited, which causes flights to sell out frequently; and

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20           WHEREAS, originally, the intra-state airline industry in  
21 Hawaii was regulated on a localized level; however, the federal  
22 Airline Deregulation Act of 1978 preempted states from  
23 regulating interstate air transportation; and

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25           WHEREAS, inter-island air transportation in Hawaii, even  
26 though it is fully within the State, is considered interstate  
27 air transport by virtue of the air carriers' receiving  
28 certification to operate such services from the United States  
29 Department of Transportation, under the Federal Aviation  
30 Administration; and



1           WHEREAS, the State has no control over the routes and the  
 2 rates established by the Federal Aviation Administration or the  
 3 subsequent effects such regulations have on the unique inter-  
 4 island air transport industry in Hawaii; and

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 6           WHEREAS, the only way Hawaii can regulate its inter-island  
 7 air transport industry is through the enactment of federal  
 8 legislation that deems air travel in Hawaii as a special case  
 9 and allows the State to regulate intra-state air travel, rates,  
 10 and routes; now, therefore,

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 12           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 13 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
 14 Session of 2013, that Congress is urged to consider inter-island  
 15 air travel in Hawaii as a special case and allow the State to  
 16 regulate the industry for purposes of efficiency; and

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 18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 19 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,  
 20 Majority Leader of the United States Senate, Speaker of the  
 21 United States House of Representatives, and Hawaii's  
 22 Congressional Delegation.

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