
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO EVALUATE THE
FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE AIRLINE
PASSENGERS LEAVING THE STATE TO DONATE CHANGE FOR THE CARE
AND CONSERVATION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is a special place, and the world's most
2 geographically isolated land mass; and

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4 WHEREAS, natural forces brought many plants and animals to
5 Hawaii long before the arrival of humans; and

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7 WHEREAS, Hawaii's unique location and history have produced
8 species found nowhere else; and

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10 WHEREAS, contact with people, plants and animals from other
11 parts of the world since 1778 has decimated many of Hawaii's
12 native species; and

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14 WHEREAS, dozens of birds, insects, mollusks, and plants
15 once endemic to Hawaii have now become extinct; and

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17 WHEREAS, although Hawaii comprises less than one per cent
18 of the land area of the United States but is home to more than
19 twenty-five per cent of the species on the U.S. Fish and
20 Wildlife Service's endangered species list; and

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22 WHEREAS, the endangered species list includes more than
23 fifty animal species and three hundred plant species from
24 Hawaii; and

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26 WHEREAS, Hawaii is sometimes referred to as the endangered
27 species capital of the world; and

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1 WHEREAS, there clearly is a pressing need to care for and
2 protect Hawaii's endangered species; and
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4 WHEREAS, more than eight million visitors a year now come
5 to Hawaii and account for a total of more than \$14,000,000,000
6 in yearly expenditures; and
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8 WHEREAS, many visitors are drawn to Hawaii by its natural
9 beauty and have expressed interest in helping to protect and
10 preserve that beauty; and
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12 WHEREAS, many visitors to Hawaii are from other nations,
13 and return to their homes with United States coins and currency
14 of small denominations that are difficult to spend or exchange
15 for other currencies; and
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17 WHEREAS, programs have been established in other states and
18 nations that encourage visitors to "make a change with your
19 change" by making donations to feed hungry children, build
20 shelters and schools, fund cancer research, and assist other
21 worthy causes; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
25 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
26 Transportation is urged to evaluate the feasibility of
27 establishing a program to encourage airline passengers leaving
28 Hawaii to donate change to support the care and conservation of
29 Hawaii's endangered species; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
32 Transportation is urged to consult with the Department of Land
33 and Natural Resources and other interested agencies and parties
34 about the feasibility of establishing this program; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
37 Transportation is requested to submit a report of its findings
38 and recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days
39 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
3 Transportation and the Chairperson of the Board of Land and
4 Natural Resources.
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OFFERED BY:

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