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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ENSURE THAT ANY PERSON IT HIRES OR CAUSES TO BE HIRED, INCLUDING PRIVATE SECURITY GUARDS, TO PROVIDE ARMED SECURITY SERVICES AT AIRPORTS PRESENTS PROOF OF PROPER EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, TRAINING, AND CREDENTIALS AS DETERMINED BY THE SHERIFF DIVISION.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation is responsible
2 for the security of the State's airports under section 261-2,
3 Hawaii Revised Statutes, which provides in pertinent part,
4 "[t]he department of transportation shall have general
5 supervision over aeronautics within the State"; and
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7 WHEREAS, section 261-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, further
8 provides in pertinent part that the Director of Transportation
9 is empowered to act "for the purpose of protecting and insuring
10 the general public interest and safety, the safety of persons
11 operating, using, or traveling in aircraft, and the safety of
12 persons and property on land or water"; and
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14 WHEREAS, in addition to the deputy sheriffs, the Department
15 of Transportation contracts with private security firms to
16 provide airport security; and
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18 WHEREAS, concerns have been raised about the qualifications
19 of private security guards providing airport security; and
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21 WHEREAS, there is concern regarding whether private
22 security guards at the State's airports, who carry guns and have
23 the authority to arrest people, are qualified and properly
24 trained to do so; now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the
28 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
29 Transportation is requested to ensure that any person it hires



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1 or causes to be hired, including private security guards, to
 2 provide armed security services at airports presents proof of
 3 proper education, experience, training, and credentials as
 4 determined by the sheriff division; and

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 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conferring police powers
 7 upon designated employees, agents, and representatives of the
 8 Department, the Director of Transportation is requested to
 9 provide written notice in advance of the effective date of the
 10 designation to the President of the Senate, Speaker of the House
 11 of Representatives, and Attorney General, including a summary of
 12 the plan to be implemented in connection with the designation;
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 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Transportation
 16 is requested to report annually to the Legislature, no later
 17 than January 10 of each calendar year, the number of individuals
 18 conferred police powers in the immediate preceding calendar
 19 year; the location where these individuals work, and the number
 20 of individuals having police powers who continue to work in that
 21 capacity at the end of that calendar year; and

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 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
 25 Transportation and Deputy Director of Law Enforcement of the
 26 Department of Public Safety.

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