HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE COUNTY OF HAWAII TO EXPLORE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO PROVIDE AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION SERVICES FOR UNDERSERVED RURAL AREAS.

WHEREAS, a growing and aging population has increased the need for emergency medical services in the County of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the county's rural areas can be difficult for emergency medical responders to reach, taking up to two hours per round trip; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that rapid medical intervention significantly increases trauma victims' chances of survival; and

WHEREAS, aeromedical evacuation services would allow emergency medical responders to act more quickly and effectively in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the United States Army maintains a helicopter training area at United States Army Garrison Pohakuloa on the island of Hawaii; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that the County of Hawaii is urged to explore a memorandum of agreement with the United States Army to provide aeromedical evacuation services for the county's underserved rural areas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, the Mayor of Hawaii County, the Deputy Director of the Health Resources

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Administration, the Commander of United States Army Garrison-Hawaii, and the Garrison Commander of Pohakuloa Training Area.

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