
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO OFFER A FIFTY-YEAR LEASE TO THE HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CONTINUATION OF GENERAL AVIATION ACTIVITIES AT DILLINGHAM AIRFIELD.

1 WHEREAS, Dillingham Airfield consists of 272 acres within
2 the Dillingham Military Reservation; and
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4 WHEREAS, currently, Dillingham Airfield is operated by the
5 Hawaii Department of Transportation under a five-year lease from
6 the United States Army; and
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8 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Department of Transportation decided
9 that it is not in the state's best interest to continue leasing
10 Dillingham Airfield and the lease will conclude on June 30, 2020
11 unless action is taken; and
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13 WHEREAS, ending this lease will have negative effects on
14 local businesses that are tenants of Dillingham Airfield because
15 airfield management will be returned to the United States Army
16 and all for profit commercial activity will likely cease; and
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18 WHEREAS, the existence of short-term leases of Dillingham
19 Airfield has burdened the tenants and the Hawaii Department of
20 Transportation's ability to operate and maintain the airfield
21 due to uncertainty of the future; and
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23 WHEREAS, Dillingham Airfield is important to the community
24 as a center for aviation training, youth programs, and small
25 businesses; and
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27 WHEREAS, investment in the airfield such as maintenance and
28 construction of buildings has grown increasingly difficult to
29 achieve with the restrictively short leases that have been
30 offered by the United States Army to the Hawaii Department of
31 Transportation; and
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1 WHEREAS, offering an extended lease will encourage
 2 investment into Dillingham Airfield which will benefit both
 3 federal and local entities, and lead to a more sustainable and
 4 effective use of the airfield that will benefit the people of
 5 Hawaii; and

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 7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 8 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
 9 2020, that the federal government and the United States
 10 Department of the Army are urged to offer a fifty-year lease to
 11 the Hawaii Department of Transportation to continue operating at
 12 Dillingham Airfield; and

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 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 15 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Lieutenant Governor;
 16 Hawaii Director of Transportation; The United States Department
 17 of Transportation; The United States Department of the Army;
 18 Director of Transportation Services of the City and County of
 19 Honolulu; the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; the
 20 state Senator representing the district.
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