

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AVIATION SAFETY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the impending
 2 rollout of fifth-generation cellular technology, or 5G, poses a
 3 serious threat to aviation safety within the State. The
- 4 legislature further finds that while 5G has been deployed near
- 5 or around airports in foreign countries, the rollout of 5G in
- $\mathbf{6}$ the United States is different because the 5G signal strength in
- 7 this country is estimated to be twice the signal spectrum
- 8 strength of 5G currently implemented in foreign countries. The
- $oldsymbol{9}$ legislature also finds that Hawaii is critically dependent upon
- 10 air travel to support the visitor industry, which is the number
- 11 one economic driver in the State; provide for the critical
- 12 transportation of goods and services between islands for the
- 13 economy and the basic quality of life that Hawaii citizens need
- 14 in a multi-island state; and for business activities and
- 15 necessary medical care.
- 16 The legislature finds that although the overall use of 5G
- 17 and airplane activity are within the realm of the federal



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- 1 government, it is properly within the State's purview to
- 2 regulate the installation of telecommunication technologies that
- 3 may pose a hazard near or around state airports and as such, the
- 4 legislature may regulate the installation of 5G near these
- 5 facilities to protect the health and safety of the public and
- 6 the vitality of the air transportation industry in so far as
- 7 people and cargo go.
- 8 The purpose of this Act is to prohibit the installation of
- 9 wireless facilities and any modified or replaced utility poles
- 10 used for the collocation of small wireless facilities that use
- 11 fifth-generation cellular network technology within a certain
- 12 radius of state airports and navigational equipment.
- 13 SECTION 2. Chapter 206N, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 14 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
- 15 and to read as follows:
- 16 "\$206N-____ Fifth-generation cellular network technology;
- 17 prohibited. (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary,
- 18 wireless facilities and any modified or replaced utility poles
- 19 used for the collocation of small wireless facilities that use
- 20 fifth-generation cellular network technology shall be prohibited
- 21 from being installed or deployed within a certain radius, to be



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- 1 determined by the department of transportation in conjunction
- 2 with the Air Line Pilots Association, International, of a state
- 3 airport and navigational equipment.
- 4 (b) The department of transportation shall adopt rules
- 5 pursuant to chapter 91 to implement this section."
- 6 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
- 7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Wireless Networks; 5G Cellular Technology; Prohibited

Description:

Prohibits the installation and deployment of wireless facilities and any modified or replaced utility poles used for the collocation of small wireless facilities that use fifthgeneration cellular network technology within a certain radius of state airports and navigational equipment.

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