
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL
RESOURCES TO WORK WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY TO CONVEY
DILLINGHAM AIRFIELD TO THE STATE OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, Kawaihapai Airfield, formerly known as Dillingham
2 Airfield, is a general aviation airfield owned by the United
3 States Army and managed by the state Department of
4 Transportation, Airports Division under a revocable lease on two
5 hundred seventy-eight acres of the six hundred fifty acre
6 Dillingham Military Reservation; and
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8 WHEREAS, the site has been operated as a military
9 installation since 1927, was expanded during World War II, and
10 has been managed by Airports Division for general aviation since
11 1962; and
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13 WHEREAS, the topography and weather provide ideal
14 conditions found nowhere else in the State for recreational
15 skydiving, glider planes, flight instruction, and other general
16 aviation businesses that generate more than \$12,000,000 in
17 revenue for the local and state economy; and
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19 WHEREAS, Kawaihapai Airfield is recognized around the world
20 as a premier location for skydiving and gliding, and is the most
21 heavily used drop zone in the United States; and
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23 WHEREAS, the number of daily flight operations at
24 Kawaihapai Airfield exceed operations at Kapalua, Lanai, and
25 Kalaupapa airports combined; and
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27 WHEREAS, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
28 Year 1991, Section 2831, Public Law 101-510, required the
29 Secretary of the Army to convey eighty-seven acres of land to
30 the State of Hawaii, which included a portion of the western end



1 of the Kawaihapai Airfield and adjacent shoreline, locally known
2 as Army Beach; and
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4 WHEREAS, in contemplation of the transfer, the Legislature
5 enacted Act 276, Session Laws of 2001, to change the official
6 name of Dillingham Airfield to Kawaihapai Airfield upon
7 completion of the land transfer; and
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9 WHEREAS, the land transfer has not yet been completed, but
10 remains authorized and is pending disposition; and
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12 WHEREAS, the eighty-seven acres of airfield and beach
13 property are valuable assets that rightfully belong to the State
14 of Hawaii; now, therefore,
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
17 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 2022, the
18 House of Representatives concurring, that the Chairperson of the
19 Board of Land and Natural Resources is requested to work with
20 the Secretary of the Army and United States officials to enter
21 into the necessary agreements to effectuate the conveyance of
22 the relevant lands of Dillingham Airfield to the State of
23 Hawaii; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
27 United States, Secretary of the Army, Governor, Chairperson of
28 the Board of Land and Natural Resources, and Director of
29 Transportation.

