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**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 193**

**REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DEVELOP A PLAN  
FOR THE COST-EFFECTIVE DISPOSITION OF THE SAFE TRAVELS THERMAL  
SCREENING AND TRACING CAMERA EQUIPMENT AND OTHER RELATED  
OPERATIONS**

House Committee on Transportation

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Senate Concurrent Resolution 193 is requesting the Department of Transportation, Airports Division (DOTA) to re-purpose the thermal screening and tracing camera at five of its major airports. The DOTA **supports** the intent of the resolution.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Legislative and Executive Branch quickly responded with funding and completed the installation of a thermal screening and tracing camera equipment between August 2020 and December 2020 at the State's five major airports. The system became a necessary step to ensure the safety of the State of Hawaii and its residents by detecting air travelers with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher.

The design of the thermal screening equipment was specifically designed to scan hundreds of arriving passengers at each gate with the National Guardsman identifying a passenger and isolating the passenger with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher. The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii (ACLU) said that the installation of facial recognition technology in response to COVID-19 was "potentially unconstitutional and terrifying". The design accommodated the legal concerns raised by the ACLU that images captured by the new thermal screening cameras would be "deleted within 30 minutes" and will not be shared with any outside agencies.

With the easing of restrictions and lower hospitalizations, the DOTA has had internal discussions about re-purposing the cameras. While the current thermal screening camera equipment is specific to thermal screening and cannot be repurposed, the tracing camera equipment and infrastructure of IT cabling and power can remain and be utilized for other purposes. The tracing cameras are being re-purposed for security and surveillance use, and there are discussions to re-purpose the infrastructure

IT cabling and power for increase airline efficiencies of having paperless/touchless ticketing. The use of the infrastructure is dependent on the technology of the airlines.

We welcome suggestions on where and how to re-purpose the thermal screening camera equipment. Keep in mind that the thermal screening camera equipment is dependent on staff to monitor temperature readings, including maintenance to support of the camera system. However, the Federal Aviation Administration has determined that the DOTA cannot fund such costs, else it will jeopardize federal grants assurances.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Comments:

The people do not want to be SPYED ON. You are already acting like Comunist and Violating our Rights under the Constitution. This we will not stand for any longer!!!