

# Resolution

No. 22-74

## URGING THE STATE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO URGE THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE ON AIRCRAFT NOISE WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE MAYOR

WHEREAS, the Council has heard from residents across the County, including South Maui, Paia, West Maui, and East Molokai, about the increase in aircraft noise above their properties in recent years; and

WHEREAS, these residents have raised concerns regarding property values, the ability to quietly enjoy their properties, and health and environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, changing flight procedures is a lengthy and complex process involving baseline analysis and feasibility studies, coordination with stakeholders to design a safe procedure that meets project objectives, environmental review, quality control, and, if required, flight validation; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) publishes their proposed procedural changes on the Instrument Flight Procedures Information Gateway website, but the site is not intended to fulfill obligations under the National Environmental Policy Act, which includes the impacts of aircraft noise; and

WHEREAS, in correspondence transmitted to the Infrastructure and Transportation Committee, the FAA stated that to avoid the appearance of giving an advantage to one party, they do not meet with local communities, but only engage in roundtables, task forces, or other similar forums with broad stakeholder representation; and

WHEREAS, these discussions need to be sponsored by the local airport or the local government;

WHEREAS, airports are under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation; and

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WHEREAS, the Mayor is the Chief Executive of the County of Maui;  
now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it asks for the assistance of Hawai'i's Congressional delegation to have the FAA hear the citizens' concerns and work to address the noise complaints;
2. That it urges the State Department of Transportation and the Mayor to independently or jointly establish a community roundtable on aircraft noise with the Federal Aviation Administration;
3. That it recognizes the concerns raised by the community and agrees that aircraft noise is an issue that needs to be addressed at all levels of government with relevant authority; and
4. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Raquel Girvin, Regional Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration; the Honorable Brian E. Schatz, United States Senator; the Honorable Mazie Hirono, United States Senator; the Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele, United States Representative; the Honorable Ed Case, United States Representative; Jade T. Butay, Director, State Department of Transportation; Ross Higashi, Deputy Director, State Department of Transportation; Marvin Moniz, Maui District Airports Manager, State Department of Transportation, Airports Division; and the Honorable Michael P. Victorino, Mayor, County of Maui.

INTRODUCED BY:

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