

REPORT TO THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
STATE OF HAWAII
REGULAR SESSION OF 2007

PURSUANT TO SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO 47
AND
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE COUNTY
FIRE CHIEFS TO COLLABORATE AND COOPERATE TO REACH A
MUTUALLY AGREEABLE SOLUTION OVER FIRE INSPECTION
RESPONSIBILITIES AT THE HONOLULU INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT AND OTHER STATE AIRPORTS.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 47 and House Concurrent Resolution No. 53 request the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the county Fire Chiefs to work together to reach a mutually acceptable agreement on fire inspection responsibilities at Honolulu International Airport and other state airports.

Pursuant to these resolutions, the State Director of Transportation, and Mr. Martinez Jacobs, state Airports Fire Chief, met with Fire Chief Kenneth G. Silva of the Honolulu Fire Department, who represented the county Fire Chiefs in his capacity as Chair of the State Fire Council, on August 24, 2006. Ms. Li-Ann Miyashiro, Deputy Attorney General for the State Fire Council, Battalion Chief Lloyd Rogers, State Fire Council Administrator, and Assistant Chief Manuel Neves also participated in this meeting.

We are happy to report that the DOT and the county Fire Chiefs have reached a tentative agreement for the Department to conduct fire inspections at state airports contingent upon proper enforcement authority and resources to carry out the task.

Also, the DOT will be proposing to change the inspection of state airport facilities from an annual to a biennial requirement as is done currently by the county fire departments.

In short, the DOT has reached a tentative agreement with the county Fire Chiefs. Details of the agreement still need to be worked out. We, nevertheless, will make every effort to implement the agreement as soon as possible.