
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
TOURISM TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY, CONSIDER,
AND RECOMMEND WAYS TO REDUCE THE TRANSPORT TIME AND COST OF
SHIPPING GOODS TO OAHU FROM MOLOKAI, LANAI, AND HANA, MAUI.

1 WHEREAS, the State is detrimentally reliant on the
2 importation of goods, including agricultural and retail goods;
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5 WHEREAS, buying locally-produced goods promotes a
6 sustainable economic environment in the State; and

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8 WHEREAS, the residents of the various islands of the State,
9 including Maui, grow and manufacture agricultural and retail
10 goods that are in high demand throughout the State; and

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12 WHEREAS, the residents of Oahu consume more goods than
13 residents of any other county; and

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15 WHEREAS, shipping goods to Oahu from Molokai, Lanai, and
16 Hana, Maui, is costly and time-consuming; and

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18 WHEREAS, new efficiencies in shipping goods from the County
19 of Maui to Oahu would result in increased jobs and economic
20 activity that will benefit all residents of the State; now,
21 therefore,

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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
25 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the Director of
26 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to
27 establish a working group to study, consider, and recommend ways
28 to reduce the time and cost of shipping goods to Oahu from
29 Molokai, Lanai, and Hana, Maui; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in addition to other
2 strategies, the working group is requested to consider the
3 following strategies for reducing transport time and cost:

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- 5 (1) Identifying and proposing amendments to any existing
6 statute, administrative rule, or ordinance;
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 - 8 (2) The feasibility of alternative modes of transportation
9 or other means of shipping freight between islands;
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 - 11 (3) Reducing taxes or creating tax incentives; and
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 - 13 (4) Any other related issue that the working group
14 considers appropriate; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Business,
17 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to serve as the
18 chairperson of the working group and invite the following
19 persons, or their respective designees, to serve as members of
20 the working group:

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- 22 (1) The Director of Transportation;
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 - 24 (2) The Director of Taxation;
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 - 26 (3) The Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture;
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 - 28 (4) A county official from the County of Maui, appointed
29 by the Mayor of the County of Maui;
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 - 31 (5) A representative from the airline industry, appointed
32 by the Senate President;
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 - 34 (6) A member representing the Island of Molokai, appointed
35 by the President of the Senate;
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 - 37 (7) A member representing the Island of Lanai, appointed
38 by the Governor;
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 - 40 (8) A member representing the community of Hana, Maui,
41 appointed by the Speaker of the House of
42 Representatives; and
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1 (9) A representative from the shipping industry, appointed
2 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
5 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to provide all
6 administrative, technical, professional, and clerical support
7 required by the working group for matters pertaining to this
8 measure; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
11 to report to the Legislature its findings and recommendations,
12 including any proposed legislation, no later than 20 days prior
13 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2014; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group cease to
16 exist on June 30, 2014; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director
20 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Director of
21 Transportation; Director of Taxation; Chairperson of the Board
22 of Agriculture; and Mayor of Maui County.
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