
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO ADD A MEMBER TO THE HAWAII REFINERY TASK
FORCE AND TO REQUEST THE TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE ADDITIONAL
ISSUES.

1 WHEREAS, in January 2013, Tesoro Corporation announced
2 plans to shut down its oil refinery in Kapolei, Hawaii, and
3 convert the facility into a terminal operation; and
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5 WHEREAS, the shutdown of Tesoro's refinery is expected to
6 result in over 200 layoffs at the facility and is likely to
7 impact more than 2,000 jobs in the region; and
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9 WHEREAS, currently, Hawaii does not have the capacity or
10 infrastructure to convert its power plants, automobiles, and jet
11 turbines to alternative fuel sources; and
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13 WHEREAS, for the foreseeable future, refined petroleum
14 products will constitute a substantial portion of the State's
15 energy mix; and
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17 WHEREAS, despite the shutdown and conversion of Tesoro's
18 oil refinery, demand for fuel in Hawaii will continue, likely
19 exposing the State and its residents and visitors to a
20 significant increase in the price of fuel; and
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22 WHEREAS, in Executive Order 13-01, Governor Neil
23 Abercrombie established the Hawaii Refinery Task Force to
24 examine the impact of the closure of the Tesoro refinery, but
25 the task force was not directed to examine alternative efforts
26 to encourage the continued use or alternative use of the Tesoro
27 refinery; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
31 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is



1 urged to add a representative of the United Steelworkers Local
2 12-591 as a member of the Hawaii Refinery Task Force; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is urged to
5 request the Hawaii Refinery Task Force to also examine:
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7 (1) Legislative, administrative, and regulatory concerns
8 that refiners may have in deciding whether to enter
9 the refining industry in Hawaii and recommend
10 strategies on addressing those concerns;
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12 (2) The feasibility of continued use of Tesoro's refinery;
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15 (3) Potential alternative, green energy uses of the
16 refinery assets, including conversion to green diesel
17 fuel production; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director
21 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and Director of
22 United Steelworkers, District 12.
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