
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE TO STUDY THE
FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A HAWAII PORT AUTHORITY.

1 WHEREAS, in recognition of the fact that the vast majority
2 of all goods consumed in the State are imported and transported
3 intrastate through our commercial harbors; and
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5 WHEREAS, the carrying capacity of our harbors, particularly
6 with regard to cargo container storage, is near maximum
7 capacity; and
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9 WHEREAS, over ten years ago during the 1995 Regular
10 Session, the Eighteenth Legislature adopted Senate Concurrent
11 Resolution No. 214, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, requesting the Governor to
12 convene a task force to determine the advantages and
13 disadvantages of establishing a state port authority having
14 jurisdiction over our commercial harbors and airport facilities;
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17 WHEREAS, the Governor-appointed task force determined that
18 the advantages of establishing a port authority outweighed the
19 disadvantages and recommended specific parameters for a further
20 study to determine the model for the port authority; and
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22 WHEREAS, during the Regular Session of 2005, House Bill No.
23 219 was introduced providing for the establishment of a Hawaii
24 Port Authority having jurisdiction over all commercial harbors
25 and airport facilities; and
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27 WHEREAS, House Bill No. 219 would: establish the Hawaii
28 Port Authority as a body corporate and a special political
29 subdivision of the State; and in anticipation of the vast need
30 for harbor infrastructure improvements and the necessity of
31 large bond issues to finance those improvements, place the
32 Hawaii Port Authority in the Department of Budget and Finance
33 for administrative purposes; and



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WHEREAS, House Bill No. 219 set forth, in detail, the specific powers of the Hawaii Port Authority; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Budget and Finance is requested to review House Bill No. 219 and determine the feasibility of establishing a Hawaii Port Authority, similar to that envisioned in House Bill No. 219, except to give the Hawaii Port Authority jurisdiction over the State's commercial harbors only, and not the State's airport facilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Budget and Finance is requested to analyze whether additional bonding authority or other innovative means of financing major harbor improvements should be considered in House Bill No. 219; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Budget and Finance is requested to report back to the Legislature not later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2007, on the feasibility of establishing the Hawaii port authority as envisioned in House Bill No. 219 for Hawaii's commercial harbors, along with recommendations, including proposed amendments to House Bill No. 219 or other proposed legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Director of Finance and the Director of Transportation.

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