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# HOUSE 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 Resolution  
11 No. 214, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, requesting the Governor to convene a  
12 task force to determine the advantages and disadvantages of  
13 establishing a state port authority having jurisdiction over our  
14 commercial harbors and airport facilities; and  
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16           WHEREAS, the Governor-appointed task force determined that  
17 the advantages of establishing a port authority outweighed the  
18 disadvantages and recommended specific parameters for a further  
19 study to determine the model for the port authority; and  
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21           WHEREAS, during the Regular Session of 2005, House Bill No.  
22 219 was introduced providing for the establishment of a Hawaii  
23 Port Authority having jurisdiction over all commercial harbors  
24 and airport facilities; and  
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26           WHEREAS, House Bill No. 219 would: establish the Hawaii  
27 Port Authority as a body corporate and a special political  
28 subdivision of the State; and in anticipation of the vast need  
29 for harbor infrastructure improvements and the necessity of  
30 large bond issues to finance those improvements, place the  
31 Hawaii Port Authority in the Department of Budget and Finance  
32 for administrative purposes; and  
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34           WHEREAS, House Bill No. 219 set forth, in detail, the  
35 specific powers of the Hawaii Port Authority; now, therefore,



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

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

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

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