
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE CREATION OF A TEMPORARY TASK FORCE TO REVIEW AND
DISCUSS REDUCING HAWAII'S DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED OIL AND
THE INCREASED USE OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii imports ninety per cent of the oil used to
2 fuel vehicles and generate electricity; and
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4 WHEREAS, the residents and industries of Hawaii have an
5 interest in reducing the amount of energy that is consumed, in
6 order to reduce dependence on imported resources and reduce
7 pollution levels; and
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9 WHEREAS, Hawaii has an abundance of alternative energy
10 resources available to it that can supplement, or over time,
11 replace, the use of fuel oils to power vehicles and produce
12 electricity; and
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14 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Hawaii to take the
15 necessary steps to maximize the use of clean alternative energy
16 resources that are available in the State and reduce the amount
17 of oil that is imported; now, therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
20 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
21 Session of 2007, that the Speaker of the House of
22 Representatives is urged to convene a temporary task force on
23 energy to examine all relevant issues related to reducing
24 Hawaii's dependence on imported oil and developing alternative
25 energy resources in the State; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Speaker of the House of
28 Representatives is requested to appoint legislators and
29 stakeholders to the temporary task force; and
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Speaker of the House of Representatives is requested to direct the temporary task force on energy to review and discuss the following issues:

- (1) Decreasing Hawaii's dependence on imported oil;
- (2) Increasing energy conservation in Hawaii;
- (3) Increasing the production of sustainable alternative energy in the State; and
- (4) Developing the increased use of biofuels and bioenergy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Chairs of the House Committees on Energy and Environmental Protection, Agriculture, Economic Development and Business Concerns, and Consumer Protection and Commerce; the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; the Director of Health; and the Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission, who, in turn, is requested to notify representatives of the electric utility industry.

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