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 transport group is requested to consider
3   the 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 to reduce
7   transport time and cost;
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9   (2)   The feasibility of alternative modes of transportation
10   or other means of shipping freight between islands;
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12   (3)   Reducing taxes or creating tax incentives; and
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14   (4)   Any other issues that the working group considers
15   appropriate; and
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17   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Business,
18 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to serve as the
19 chairperson of the working group and invite the following
20 persons, or their respective designees, to serve as members of
21 the working group:
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23   (1)   The Director of Transportation;
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25   (2)   The Director of Taxation;
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27   (3)   The Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture;
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29   (4)   A county official from the County of Maui, to be
30   appointed by the Mayor of the County of Maui;
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32   (5)   A representative from the airline industry, to be
33   appointed by the Senate President;
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35   (6)   A member representing the Island of Molokai, appointed
36   by the President of the Senate;
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38   (7)   A member representing the Island of Lanai, appointed
39   by the Governor; and
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41   (8)   A member representing the community of Hana, Maui,
42   appointed by the Speaker of the House of
43   Representatives; and
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1   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
2 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to provide all
3 administrative, technical, professional, and clerical support
4 required by the working group for matters pertaining to this
5 measure; and
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7   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
8 to report to the Legislature its findings and recommendations,
9 including any proposed legislation, no later than twenty days
10 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2014; and
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12   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group cease to
13 exist on June 30, 2014; and
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15   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, President
17 of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Director
18 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Director of
19 Transportation, Director of Taxation, Chairperson of the Board
20 of Agriculture, and the Mayor of Maui County.
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