
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON ENERGY
SECURITY.

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 did not examine alternative efforts the State
26 could take to prevent the closure of the refinery; now,
27 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 Legislature
32 convene a Legislative Task Force on Energy Security; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Task Force on
2 Energy Security shall be charged with identifying:

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- 4 (1) Barriers to a potential sale of the refinery and
5 providing recommendations to state and federal
6 agencies on how to address and overcome those
7 barriers;
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- 9 (2) Legislative, administrative, and regulatory concerns
10 that potential buyers may have in choosing to enter
11 the refining industry in Hawaii and recommending
12 strategies on how to address those concerns;
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- 14 (3) Incentives that a qualified buyer of refinery assets
15 may seek in pursuing an investment and assessing the
16 feasibility of those incentives;
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- 18 (4) Potential alternative green energy uses of the
19 refinery assets, including conversion to green diesel
20 fuel production; and
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- 22 (5) Incentives that state agencies may provide to
23 encourage Tesoro to actively pursue opportunities to
24 sell the refinery to a qualified operator; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the
27 Legislative Task Force on Energy Security shall include:

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- 29 (1) The Senate President or the Senate President's
30 designee;
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- 32 (2) The Speaker of the House of Representatives or the
33 Speaker's designee;
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- 35 (3) The Director of Business, Economic Development, and
36 Tourism, or the Director's designee;
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- 38 (4) A representative of United Steelworkers Local 12-591;



1 (5) A representative of the Sierra Club, Hawaii Chapter;

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3 (6) A representative of Tesoro Corporation; and

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5 (7) The President of Hawaiian Electric Company or the
6 President's designee; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members on the Legislative
9 Task Force on Energy Security shall not be compensated for their
10 service on the Task Force but shall be reimbursed for reasonable
11 expenses, including travel expenses, incurred by serving on the
12 Task Force; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members on the Legislative
15 Task Force on Energy Security shall not be made subject to
16 Chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of that
17 member's participation as a member of the Task Force; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Task Force on
20 Energy Security is requested to submit to the Legislature a
21 preliminary report of its findings and recommendations,
22 including any proposed legislation, no later than 45 days after
23 it first convenes, an interim report no later than October 15,
24 2013, and a final report no later than 20 days prior to the
25 convening of the Regular Session of 2014; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
29 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Director of United
30 Steelworkers, District 12; Executive Director of the Sierra
31 Club, Hawaii Chapter; President and Chief Executive Officer of
32 Tesoro Corporation; and President and Chief Executive Officer of
33 Hawaiian Electric Company.

