HOUSE RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO EXAMINE THE POTENTIAL
BENEFITS OF CREATING TWENTY-FOUR HOUR MARKETPLACES ACROSS
THE STATE.

WHEREAS, it is important to find new business and development opportunities that will keep much-needed dollars within Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide support to local businesses and communities, which in turn will serve the people of Hawaii by providing increased revenue streams to the State; and

WHEREAS, tourism is one of Hawaii's largest industries, helping to generate much-needed revenues and create jobs; and

WHEREAS, tourism is a twenty-four hour per day industry, with business transactions being conducted at all hours of the day and night; and

WHEREAS, airline flights arrive from all parts of the world with visitors to our islands coming from many different time zones across the world; and

WHEREAS, many residents and visitors expect the freedom and convenience provided by food, retail, and entertainment establishments open twenty-four hours per day; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii's uniquely diverse cultural heritage is one of its strongest attractions; and

WHEREAS, residents and visitors seek locally made and produced items for personal use or to share when they travel abroad; and

WHEREAS, providing a medium for the State to showcase its diversity through food, music, and art will help to attract visitors and provide immediate economic stimulus to the visitor industry; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, that there is established within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism a Twenty-four Hour Marketplace Task Force, whose purpose is to recommend potential viable locations and implementation strategies for proposed twenty-four hour marketplaces throughout the State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force members serve without compensation and that all necessary expenses, including travel expenses, be paid by the agency, organization, or department to which the member belongs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following persons or their designees be requested jointly by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and President of the Senate to serve on the task force:

(1) The Chair of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii;

(2) The State Director of the Hawaii Small Business Development Center;

(3) One member of the legislative Small Business Caucus chosen by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(4) One member of the legislative Small Business Caucus chosen by the President of the Senate;

(5) One member of Enterprise Honolulu;

(6) One member of the Maui Economic Development Board;

(7) One member of the Hawaii Island Economic Development Board;

(8) 1 One member of the Kauai Economic Development Board; 2 and 3 The Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources; 4 (9) 5 and 6 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be chaired by the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, or 8 9 the Director's designee; and 10 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism provide administrative 12 support, including the recording of minutes, to the task force; 13 14 and 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no task force member be subject 16 to Chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of the 17 member's participation as a member of the task force; and 18 19 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force, in conjunction with the Department of Business, Economic Development, and 21 Tourism, submit a report to the Legislature no later than 20 22 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2014; and 23 24 25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report recommend: 26 (1) Viable locations throughout Hawaii for twenty-four 27 28 hour marketplaces; and 29 30 (2) Strategies to encourage visitor and resident spending through the establishment of twenty-four hour 31 marketplaces across the State; and 32 33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be dissolved on 34 June 30, 2014; and 35 36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 37

Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Business, Economic

Development, and Tourism; Chair of the Board of Land and Natural

Resources; President of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii; State

Director of the Hawaii Small Business Development Center; Chair

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40 41 of Enterprise Honolulu; President of the Maui Economic Development Board; Chair of the Hawaii Island Economic Development Board; and President of the Kauai Economic Development Board.

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