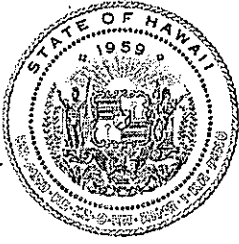


# **HB 800, HD1**

**MAKING AN EMERGENCY  
APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT  
OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM FROM  
THE ENERGY SECURITY SPECIAL  
FUND.**

**Makes an emergency appropriation of  
\$145,000 from the Energy Security Special  
Fund to staff and support the Hawaii  
Refinery Task Force. (HD1)**



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before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEES ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT  
OPERATIONS AND HOUSING  
AND  
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT**

Tuesday, March 19, 2013  
3:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

in consideration of  
**HB800, HD1**

**RELATING TO MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE  
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM FROM  
THE ENERGY SECURITY SPECIAL FUND.**

Chairs Dela Cruz and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Slom and Ruderman, and Members of the Committees.

The Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) strongly supports HB800, HD1, to appropriate \$145,000 in energy security special funds for an emergency appropriation for fiscal year 2012-2013 to staff and support the Hawaii Refinery Task Force, as discussed by Governor Abercrombie in his State of the State address.

The Task Force will serve as the principal advisory group to the Governor, and to the legislature if so requested, on the market disruptions facing the State associated with changes in the State's refining capacity and ownership, and on specific measures, alternatives and actions the State should consider to maintain adequate and affordable fuel supplies to meet the State's energy

needs. With the impending closure of Tesoro Hawaii's Kapolei refinery, and the uncertain future of Hawaii's remaining Chevron refinery, the Task Force will help the State plan and prepare for changes in Hawaii's refining capacity.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism has identified the need for an additional \$145,000 in energy security special funds for fiscal year 2012-2013 to support the Task Force in assessing these refinery issues, including funding for coordination and operation of the task force, studies and assessments, and funding for a staff position. A vacancy currently exists within the department's energy division as a result of budget control measures and will be filled immediately to serve as the staff liaison to the Task Force and related matters involving fueling infrastructure and energy assurance.

This emergency funding will ensure that the Hawaii Refinery Task Force will be provided with appropriate support to meet its intended purposes in fiscal year 2012-2013.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments in support of HB800, HD1.

**HB800**

Submitted on: 3/15/2013

Testimony for EGH/ENE on Mar 19, 2013 15:00PM in Conference Room 225

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HB800**

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Comments: