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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HARBORS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE  
FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A HAWAII COMMERCIAL HARBORS  
AUTHORITY.

1           WHEREAS, the State's well-being is dependent on the  
2 efficient administration, development, management, and operation  
3 of its ten commercial harbors and commercial maritime  
4 infrastructure; and

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6           WHEREAS, the responsibility for the State's commercial  
7 harbor planning, management, marketing, and capital development  
8 functions is currently distributed among several agencies,  
9 including but not limited to the Harbors Division of the  
10 Department of Transportation, Hawaii Tourism Authority,  
11 Department of Budget and Finance, Department of Human Resources  
12 Development, Board of Land and Natural Resources, and Department  
13 of Health; and

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15           WHEREAS, distributing responsibility across multiple  
16 agencies that may have conflicting goals and priorities results  
17 in inefficiency, delayed decision-making, and reduced  
18 effectiveness; and

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20           WHEREAS, establishing a separate state entity with overall  
21 jurisdiction over and responsibility for the State's commercial  
22 harbors and maritime operations will make the planning and  
23 development of the State's commercial harbors system and  
24 maritime infrastructure more efficient; now, therefore,

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26           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
27 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
28 2019, the Senate concurring, that the Harbors Division of the  
29 Department of Transportation is requested to establish a task



1 force to be administratively attached to the Harbors Division to  
2 study the feasibility of establishing a Hawaii Commercial  
3 Harbors Authority; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
6 examine the Hawaii Commercial Harbors Authority's ability to:  
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- 8 (1) Maximize the contribution of the State's commercial  
9 harbors to the State's economy;
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11 (2) Ensure dedicated expert commercial harbor leadership,  
12 management continuity, and year-round decision-making,  
13 consistent with industry best practices;
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15 (3) Improve administrative efficiency by streamlining  
16 administrative processes;
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18 (4) Accelerate the planning and implementation of capital  
19 improvement programs for the State's commercial  
20 harbors;
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22 (5) Increase the financial flexibility and strength of the  
23 State's commercial harbors;
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25 (6) Increase economic opportunities for the State;
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27 (7) Increase responsiveness to consumer needs, commercial  
28 opportunities, and economic demands; and
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30 (8) Maximize job creation within the State; and  
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Deputy Director of  
33 Transportation, Harbors Division or the Deputy Director's  
34 designee is requested to serve as chairperson of the task force  
35 and to invite one representative from each of the following  
36 entities to serve as task force members:  
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- 38 (1) The Hawaii Tourism Authority;
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40 (2) The Department of Budget and Finance;
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42 (3) The Department of Human Resources Development;



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- 1           (4) The Department of Land and Natural Resources;
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- 3           (5) The Environmental Health Administration or
- 4           Environmental Management Division of the Department of
- 5           Health;
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- 7           (6) The International Longshore and Warehouse Union, Local
- 8           142;
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- 10          (7) The Hawaii Longshore Division of the International
- 11          Longshore and Warehouse Union, Local 142;
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- 13          (8) United Public Workers, Local 646;
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- 15          (9) The Hawaii Government Employee Association, Local 152;
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- 18          (10) The Hawaii Harbors Users Group; and
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20           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
21 develop and recommend legislation to establish the Hawaii  
22 Commercial Harbors Authority and to transfer to the Authority  
23 all of the authority, powers, functions, duties, and  
24 responsibilities of the Harbors Division of the Department of  
25 Transportation relating to commercial maritime and harbors,  
26 including responsibility for the development, management,  
27 operation, and maintenance of the State's commercial harbors;

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29           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
30 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including  
31 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than  
32 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
33 2020; and

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35           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Deputy Director of  
37 Transportation, Harbors Division; President of the Hawaii  
38 Tourism Authority; Director of Finance; Director of Human  
39 Resources Development; Chairperson of the Board of Land and  
40 Natural Resources; Director of Health; President of the  
41 International Longshore and Warehouse Union, Local 142; Director  
42 of the Hawaii Longshore Division of the International Longshore



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1 and Warehouse Union, Local 142; Executive Director of the Hawaii  
2 Harbors Users Group; State Director of United Public Workers,  
3 Local 646; and Executive Director of the Hawaii Government  
4 Employee Association, Local 152.

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