

ACT 78

H.B. NO. 800

A Bill for an Act Making an Emergency Appropriation to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism From the Energy Security Special Fund.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

SECTION 2. The Hawaii refinery 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 potential closure 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 from the energy security special fund 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 staff the task force. 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.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate \$145,000 from the energy security special fund for an emergency appropriation for fiscal year 2012-2013 to staff and support the Hawaii refinery task force which is established to assess the impacts to changes in Hawaii's refining capacity and to provide advice and recommendations on matters involving Hawaii's future fuels ecosystem.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the energy security special fund the sum of \$145,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the program on environment and energy development (BED 120) to support the Hawaii refinery task force.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 21, 2013.)