

PROPOSED

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HARBORS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The state department of transportation has
2 jurisdiction over Hawaii's commercial harbors pursuant to
3 section 266-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which provides in part
4 that the DOT has control and management responsibility for
5 commercial harbor and waterfront improvements. Among the major
6 new developments demanding attention with regard to Hawaii
7 harbors is the Hawaii Superferry or other inter-island ferry
8 operations. Hawaii Superferry, Inc. plans to introduce
9 inter-island roll-on/roll-off passenger and freight ferry
10 service within the Hawaiian islands in 2006.

11 The State and the city and county of Honolulu are directing
12 new development and population growth to west Oahu. With the
13 population increase, adequate transportation is necessary to
14 alleviate inexorable traffic congestion. An alternative to
15 surface transportation is ocean transportation furnished by
16 ferries and water taxis.

17 The metropolitan planning organization is a quasi-public
18 agency charged with coordinating transportation planning on Oahu



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Report Title:

Harbors; Private Development; West Oahu

Description:

Authorizes the department of transportation to partner with a private developer to purchase or lease land for an intra-island ferry or water taxis at west Oahu. (SD1)

