
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM, TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO EVALUATE PLANS BY YOUNG BROTHERS, LTD., TO DISCONTINUE ITS LESS-THAN-CONTAINER-LOAD INTERISLAND CARGO SERVICE.

1 WHEREAS, interisland cargo service is a vital lifeline for
2 the islands of Hawaii, particularly the Neighbor Islands; and
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4 WHEREAS, Young Brothers, Ltd. (Young Brothers), runs the
5 state's largest interisland cargo shipping service; and
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7 WHEREAS, Young Brothers has announced its intention to
8 discontinue its less-than-container-load interisland cargo
9 service; and
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11 WHEREAS, current customers of Young Brothers, especially
12 farmers on the Neighbor Islands, have expressed grave concerns
13 about Young Brothers' plans; and
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15 WHEREAS, reliable, affordable, convenient interisland cargo
16 service is essential to the economy of the state and the welfare
17 of its people; now, therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
20 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
21 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
22 Transportation (DOT), in collaboration with the Department of
23 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, is requested to
24 conduct a study to evaluate plans by Young Brothers to
25 discontinue its less-than-container-load interisland cargo
26 service;
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28 (1) For Kahului, Maui, and Hilo, Hawaii, after January 1,
29 2010; and



- (2) For Kona, Hawaii; Honolulu; Molokai; Lanai; and Lihue, Kauai, after January 1, 2012;

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study:

- (1) Identify the potential consequences of the proposed discontinuation of less-than-container-load cargo service for local business, including the possibility of higher shipping costs and delayed shipments;
- (2) Investigate the reasons cited by Young Brothers for discontinuing less-than-container-load cargo service, including the apparent shortage of harbor dock space;
- (3) Evaluate the impact of the forthcoming Hawaii Superferry service on the ability of Young Brothers to maintain its less-than-container-load cargo service;
- (4) Provide descriptions and updates of any efforts to maintain Young Brothers' current operation of less-than-container-load cargo service, including any additional space provided or improvements made at harbors to accommodate this service;
- (5) Recommend solutions or alternatives to address the discontinuation of Young Brothers' less-than-container-load cargo service, such as the use of freight consolidators and changes to harbor infrastructure, and provide estimates of the cost effect of the recommended solutions and alternatives; and
- (6) Consider any other matter necessary to fully evaluate and develop solutions to Young Brothers' plans to discontinue its less-than-container-load interisland cargo service;

and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOT submit its findings and
2 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
3 Legislature at least 20 days prior to the convening of the
4 Regular Session of 2008; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
8 of Transportation, Director of Business, Economic Development,
9 and Tourism, and the president of Young Brothers.

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12 OFFERED BY:

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