
HOUSE 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, that the Department of Transportation (DOT), in
22 collaboration with the Department of Business, Economic
23 Development, and Tourism, is requested to conduct a study to
24 evaluate plans by Young Brothers to discontinue its less-than-
25 container-load interisland cargo service:
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27 (1) For Kahului, Maui, and Hilo, Hawaii, after January 1,
28 2010; and
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30 (2) For Kona, Hawaii; Honolulu; Molokai; Lanai; and Lihue,
31 Kauai, after January 1, 2012;
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and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study:

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- 3 (1) Identify the potential consequences of the proposed
4 discontinuation of less-than-container-load
5 interisland cargo service for local business,
6 including the possibility of higher shipping costs and
7 delayed shipments;
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- 9 (2) Investigate the reasons cited by Young Brothers for
10 discontinuing less-than-container-load interisland
11 cargo service, including the apparent shortage of
12 harbor dock space;
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- 14 (3) Evaluate the impact of the forthcoming Hawaii
15 Superferry service on the ability of Young Brothers to
16 maintain its less-than-container-load interisland
17 cargo service;
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- 19 (4) Provide descriptions and updates of any efforts to
20 maintain Young Brothers' current operation of less-
21 than-container-load interisland cargo service,
22 including any additional space provided or
23 improvements made at harbors to accommodate this
24 service;
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- 26 (5) Recommend solutions or alternatives to address the
27 discontinuation of Young Brothers' less-than-
28 container-load interisland cargo service, such as the
29 use of freight consolidators and changes to harbor
30 infrastructure, and provide estimates of the cost
31 effect of the recommended solutions and alternatives;
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- 33 (6) Make an earnest effort to identify other
34 transportation options to fill the potential loss of
35 less-than-container-load interisland cargo service;
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- 38 (7) Consider any other matters necessary to fully evaluate
39 and develop solutions to Young Brothers' plans to
40 discontinue its less-than-container-load interisland
41 cargo service;
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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 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of
8 Transportation, Director of Business, Economic Development, and
9 Tourism, and the president of Young Brothers.

