
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO NOT ALLOW YOUNG BROTHERS, LTD., TO DISCONTINUE LESS-THAN-CONTAINER-LOAD SHIPPING TO AND FROM MAUI, MOLOKAI, AND LANAI.

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), operates
5 the state's largest interisland cargo shipping service; and
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7 WHEREAS, reliable, affordable, convenient interisland cargo
8 service is essential to the economy of the State and the welfare
9 of its people; and
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11 WHEREAS, Young Brothers has petitioned the Public Utilities
12 Commission for approval to eliminate less-than-container-load
13 interisland cargo service to and from Maui, Molokai, and Lanai;
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16 WHEREAS, current customers of Young Brothers on those
17 islands, especially farmers and ranchers on Molokai, have
18 expressed grave concerns about the effects of Young Brothers'
19 plans on their economic future, including fears of being unable
20 to continue business, if less-than-container-load shipping is
21 discontinued; and
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23 WHEREAS, a thriving agriculture industry is crucial to the
24 State, and any threat to the longevity of Hawaii's farmers and
25 ranchers on the neighbor islands is a threat to the economy of
26 the State as a whole; now, therefore,
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
30 of 2009, that the Public Utilities Commission is urged to not
31 allow Young Brothers, Ltd., to discontinue its less-than-
32 container-load service to and from Maui, Molokai, and Lanai; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Public
3 Utilities Commission, the Consumer Advocate, and the Chief
4 Executive Officer of Young Brothers, Ltd.
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OFFERED BY:

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