
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SHIPPING.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established within the department
2 of business, economic development, and tourism for
3 administrative purposes, a working group to study and consider
4 ways to reduce the time and cost of shipping goods to Oahu from
5 Molokai, Lanai, and Hana, Maui, and to recommend solutions.

6 (b) The working group shall consider strategies for
7 reducing the time and cost of shipping, including:

8 (1) Amending any existing statute, administrative rule, or
9 ordinance;

10 (2) The feasibility of alternative modes of transportation
11 or other means of shipping freight between islands;

12 (3) Reducing taxes;

13 (4) Creating tax incentives; and

14 (5) Any other issues the working group considers
15 appropriate.

16 (c) The working group shall comprise the following
17 members, or their respective designees:



- 1 (1) The director of business, economic development, and
- 2 tourism;
- 3 (2) The director of transportation;
- 4 (3) The director of taxation;
- 5 (4) The chairperson of the board of agriculture;
- 6 (5) A county official from the county of Maui, to be
- 7 appointed by the mayor of the county of Maui;
- 8 (6) A representative from the shipping industry, to be
- 9 appointed by the speaker of the house of
- 10 representatives;
- 11 (7) A representative from the airline industry, to be
- 12 appointed by the president of the senate;
- 13 (8) The executive director of the Hawaii Farm Bureau
- 14 Federation;
- 15 (9) A representative from the Hawaii Farmers Union United;
- 16 (10) A member of the house of representatives appointed by
- 17 the speaker of the house of representatives;
- 18 (11) A member of the senate appointed by the president of
- 19 the senate;
- 20 (12) A member representing the island of Molokai;
- 21 (13) A member representing the island of Lanai;
- 22 (14) A member representing the Hana, Maui, community; and



1 (15) Any additional members the chairperson of the working
2 group determines to be necessary.

3 (d) The members of the working group shall designate a
4 chairperson from among its members and shall serve without
5 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses,
6 including travel expenses, incurred in the performance of
7 official duties.

8 (e) The department of business, economic development, and
9 tourism shall provide all administrative, technical,
10 professional, and clerical support required by the working group
11 for matters pertaining to this Act.

12 (f) No member of the working group shall be made subject
13 to chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of that
14 member's participation as a member of the working group.

15 (g) The working group shall report to the legislature its
16 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
17 legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
18 the regular session of 2013.

19 (h) The working group shall cease to exist on June 30,
20 2013.

21 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

Report Title:

Working Group; Shipping; Molokai; Lanai; Hana; Oahu; Goods

Description:

Establishes a working group to explore options for reducing the shipping time and costs for transporting goods from Molokai, Lanai, and Hana, Maui, to Oahu. (SD1)

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