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# 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) The executive director of the Hawaii Farmers Union  
16 United;
- 17 (10) A member of the house of representatives appointed by  
18 the speaker of the house of representatives;
- 19 (11) A member of the senate appointed by the president of  
20 the senate;
- 21 (12) A member representing the island of Molokai;
- 22 (13) A member representing the island of Lanai;



1 (14) A member representing the Hana, Maui, community; and

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

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

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

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

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

20 (h) The working group shall cease to exist on June 30,  
21 2013.



1           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for  
4 necessary resources to study and examine options and assess  
5 possible incentives to improve the timely shipping of goods from  
6 Lanai, Molokai, and Hana, Maui to Oahu.

7           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
8 business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of  
9 this Act.

10          SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.



**Report Title:**

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

**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. Makes an appropriation. (SD2)

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