

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 455

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 18, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 993

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 993 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII MARINE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to develop alternative means of transportation between islands in the State by:

- (1) Establishing the Hawaii Marine Highway System (System);
- (2) Requiring the Department of Transportation (DOT) to administer the System, including the construction, purchase, or lease of ferry terminal facilities throughout the State; and
- (3) Creating the Hawaii Marine Highway System Fund within the State treasury, which funds are to be used for the operation and maintenance of the System.

A concerned individual testified in support of this bill. DOT supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Budget and Finance provided comments.

Hawaii is an island state that depends, almost exclusively, on air transportation for travel between islands. Unlike most areas in the continental United States, Hawaii residents cannot

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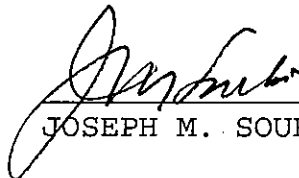


drive from one end of the state to the other end using land-based, highway systems. Hawaii's only "highway" between the islands must be marine-based, and this measure begins the process of using these "marine highways" for the benefit of our citizens.

While your Committee is aware of the financial uncertainties currently facing marine highway and ferry systems in the States of Alaska and Washington and the need for DOT to gather more comprehensive information on the legal, regulatory, and financial aspects of establishing a marine highway system in Hawaii, the importance of providing this transportation alternative deserves further consideration and discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 993 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation,



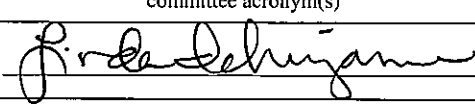
JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 993	Committee Referral: TRN, FIN	Date: 2/14/11		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
TRN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SOUKI, Joseph M. (C)	✓			
2. ICHIYAMA, Linda (VC)	✓			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.				✓
4. CULLEN, Ty	✓			
5. LEE, Marilyn B.	✓			
6. LUKE, Sylvia	✓			
7. SAIKI, Scott K.	✓			
8. TAKUMI, Roy M.	✓			
9. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
10. FONTAINE, George R.		✓		
11. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	✓			
TOTAL (11)	9	1		1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 10pt;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u></u>				
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